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REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1947

SALEM, MASS.
THE NEWHALL PRINTERS
1948

Town Meeting Warrant

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex:

GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directad to notify and warn tha Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the avening, then and there to act on the following articlas:

ARTICLE 1. To authorize the Salectmen to appoint such other Town Officers as are raquired to be chosen annually.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authoriza the Town Treasurer, with the approval of tha Selactmen, to borrow monay from time to time in anticipation of tha revenue of tha financial yaar beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to ranew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chaptar 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. To see what action the Town will take to defray tha Town expanses for tha ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authoriza the Board of Assessors to usa such frae cash in the Treasury as they, in their best judgment, feel is warranted, and is approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the purposa of reducing the tax rate.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $4,800.00 for Chapter 81—highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To sea if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,750.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Essex Street or take any action in relation thereto. .

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance, to be used with any money which may be allotted by the State or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to temporarily increasa the salary of the Highway Surveyor by the sum of $20.00 each week during the fiscal year, because of increased cost of living. This increase to be paid from available Highway Funds. (Present salary $40.00)

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to permit all regular employees of the Highway Department to be paid for eight holidays together with a vacation of one week each year.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will establish the rate of compensation for Town laborers at 99 cents per hour.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to sea if the Town will vote to purchase a tractor together with a Bulldozer Blade and a 9 ft. 6 in. V Plow and Snow Scoop, and appropriate the sum of $9,000.00, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of Sophie Murray and forty-fiva others, to see if the Town will vota to increase the number of members of the school committee from three to fiva members in accordance with the provisions of General Laws (ter. ed.) Chapter 41, Section 2, and amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of James W. Paart and thirty-eight others, to sea if tha Town will vota to have the street lights extended from Lake St. to the No. Reading line on Forest Street.

ARTICLE 15. To sea if the Town will appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Mill Straet, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To sae if the Town will vote to appropriata the sum of $150.00 to be used to bring the Town By-Laws up to date and have them printad.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding thereto, under Chapter 3, Section 3, the following sub section; To instruct the Finance Committee to segregate the appropriation for money recommended by it for the use of the various departmants of the town into such items, as in the judgament of the Finance Committee, may be necessary or desirable.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vota to refund to Merton Punchard the sum of $33.00 paid by him to the Town for the purchase of Lots 236-237-238 in Riverview and for which the Town was unable to give a legal title; and also to reimburse said Merton Punchard in the sum of $2.16 representing taxes paid by him on said lots for the year 1946 and appropriate a sum of money therefor agreeable to the petition of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vota to appropriate the sum of $350.00 to settle land takings on Essex Street..

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer tha dog tax amounting to $552.84, to the Library Fund.

ARTICLE 21. To see what action the Town will take in regard to transferring all, or any part, of tha Overlay Reserve to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. "In accordance with Section 25 of Chapter 59, General Laws."

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

You ara hereby ordered to notify and warn said quallfied voters to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, March 15, naxt for the following purposes, viz: To choosa by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Modarator, Town Clark, thras Selactman, ona member of the Board of Public Walfare for thrae years, one Assassor for threa years, one member of the School Committee for thraa yaars, Highway Survayor, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Constable, Superintendent of Burials, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, two Trustees of the Flint Public Library for three yaars, one Cemetary Commissioner for three years, Custodian of the Town Hall, and one member for five years, one member for four years, one member for three years, one member for two years, one member for one year for the Planning Board.

The polls will ba open at 6:00 A. M. and shall be closed at 6:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe Station, in said Town, seven days at least befora the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

CLARENCE OSGOOD, Jr.
GEORGE B. OGDEN,
JAMES B. COFFIN,
Salectmen of Middleton.

A true copy.

Attest: WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, Constable.

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Town Officers

Moderator

Wilbur Witham	Term expires March, 1948

Town Clerk

Elmer P. Morrill	Term expires March, 1948

Treasurer

Marion E. Mitchell	Term expires March, 1950

Selectmen and Board of Health

Clarence Osgood, Jr., Chairman	Term expires March, 1948
James H. Coffin, Clerk	Term expires March, 1948
George B. Ogden	Term expires March, 1948

Board of Public Welfare

Alexander Fraser, Chairman	Term expires March, 1950
Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.	Term expires March, 1948
Leslie E. Merrifield, Clerk	Term expires March, 1949

Board of Assessors

Paul B. Wake, Chairman	Term expires March, 1948
Archibald L. Jones, Clerk	Term expires March, 1949
Harold M. Bishop	Term expires March, 1950

School Committee

Raymond W. Silvernail, Chairman	Term expires March, 1948
Mrs. Alice K. Cass, Clerk	Term expires March, 1950
Rosamond L. Bastable	Term expires March, 1949

Highway Surveyor

John H. Ross	Term expires March, 1948

Tax Collector

Harold E. Tyler	Term expires March, 1948

Tree Warden

Joseph Picariello	Term expires March, 1948

Moth Superintendent

Joseph Picariello — Term expires January, 1948

Constable

Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr. — Term expires March, 1948

Chief of Police

Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr. — Term expires May, 1948

Superintendent of Burial

Richard N. Maxwell — Term expires March, 1948

Inspector of Animals

Murray Bullerwell — Term expires May, 1948

Inspector of Slaughtering

Murray Bullerwell — Term expires May, 1948

Town Accountant

Elmer O. Campbell — Term expires May, 1948

Forest Fire Warden

Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr. — Term expires January, 1948

Chief of Fire Department

Elmer P. Morrill — Term expires May, 1948

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Harold F. Purdy — Term expires May, 1948

Electric Light Commissioners

Richard B. Floyd, Chairman — Term expires March, 1948
Charles Bates, Clerk — Term expires March, 1950
Gus L. Fischer — Term expires March, 1949

Electric Light Manager

A. B. Harrington — Term expires May, 1948

Trustees Flint Public Library

William T. Martin	Term expires March, 1950
Paul B. Wake	Term expires March, 1950
A. L. Jones	Term expires March, 1948
William H. Sanborn	Term expires March, 1948
Harold Y. Smith	Term expires March, 1949
J. Phillip Webber	Term expires March, 1949

Cemetery Commissioners

Clarence Richardson	Term expires March, 1947
Arthur T. Page	Term expires March, 1948
Roger B. Lovelace	Term expires March, 1949

Finance Committee

Hazen M. Richardson, Chairman	Term expires March, 1949
Alden F. Moreland	Term expires March, 1948
William G. Birch, Clerk	Term expires March, 1948
Ernest S. LeBeau	Term expires March, 1949
Harold Y. Smith	Term expires March, 1950

Registrars of Voters

Lloyd H. Getchell	Term expires March, 1948
Joseph T. Lee	Term expires March, 1949
Ernest P. Goodale	Term expires March, 1950

Town Counsel

James J. Gaffney	Term expires April, 1948

TRUSTEES

B. F. Emerson Fund

Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Massachusetts

Roger F. Clapp William H. Sanborn

Harley M. Tyler

Mansfield Fund

Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

David Cummings Fund

Board of Public Welfare

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

Year Ending, December 31, 1947

ANALYSIS SHEET

	Balance and Appropriation	Receipts	Transferred To	Total Available	Expended	Transferred From	Balance to Revenue
Town Officers Salaries	$7,055.00	. .	. .	$7,055.00	$ 7,055.00	. .	. .
Town Officers Expenses	1,100.00	$ 121.25	. .	1,221.25	1,207.47	. .	$ 13.78
Tax Title Expenses	300.00	6.75	. .	306.75	306.75	. .	. .
Assessors Expenses	300.00	. .	$ 60.90	360.90	360.90	. .	. .
Elections and Registrations	100.00	. .	30.31	130.31	130.31	. .	140.00
Registrars Listing	140.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Town Hall	800.00	. .	. .	800.00	704.53	. .	95.47
Town Hall, Repairs	511.05	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	511.05*
Police Dept.	4,394.60	. .	. .	4,394.60	4,394.60	. .	. .
Fire Dept.	4,800.00	. .	. .	4,800.00	4,790.00	. .	10.00
Fire Alarm	535.37	. .	. .	535.37	535.37	. .	. .
Moth Dept.	1,000.00	. .	51.86	1,051.86	1,051.86	. .	. .
Tree Warden	500.00	. .	150.00	650.00	649.95	. .	.05
Health	1,600.00	. .	. .	1,600.00	1,597.24	. .	2.76
Essex Sanatorium	2,054.95	. .	. .	2,054.95	2,054.95	. .	. .
Dental Clinic	500.00	. .	. .	500.00	500.00	. .	. .
Road Machinery Fund	1,993.88	3,343.87	6.10	5,343.85	3,507.00	. .	1,836.85*
Highway	1,809.58	16.48	. .	1,826.06	1,823.80	. .	2.26
Highway, Chapter 81	4,800.00	5,291.25	. .	12,000.00	11,999.89	. .	.11
High'y, Chap. 90, Maint.	1,100.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	$1,100.00	. .
High'y Chap. 90, Const.	2,957.70	11,100.00	1,100.00	13,357.70	7,307.20	. .	6,050.50*
Highway, Special	500.00	. .	. .	500.00	498.63	. .	1.37
1946 Accounts	154.17	. .	. .	154.17	154.17	. .	. .
Snow	10,200.00	. .	. .	10,200.00	11,395.52	. .	. .
Street Lighting	2,500.00	. .	. .	2,500.00	2,500.00	. .	. .
Public Welfare	4,500.00	. .	. .	4,500.00	4,398.36	. .	101.64
Old Age Assistance	18,700.00	12,328.02	. .	31,028.02	31,023.17	. .	4.85
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	500.00	418.52	. .	918.52	626.40	. .	292.12

ANALYSIS SHEET (Continued)

	Balance and Appropriation	Receipts	Transferred To	Total Available	Expended	Transferred From	Balance to Revenue
Aid Depend't Children	$ 2,675.00	$ 641.43	. .	$ 3,316.43	$ 3,264.31	. .	$ 52.12
Aid Depend't " Adm.	50.00	14.66	. .	64.66	21.48	. .	43.18
Veteran's Agent Expenses	50.00	. .	. .	50.00	. .	. .	50.00
State Aid . . .	150.00	. .	. .	150.000	. .	. .	150.00
Soldiers' Relief . .	1,500.00	. .	. .	1,500.00	1,186.95	. .	313.05
War Allowances . .	200.00	. .	. .	200.00	100.00	. .	100.00
School	47,500.00	. .	$ 18.48	47,518.48	47,518.48	. .	. .
Vocational Education .	200.00	. .	. .	200.00	188.95	. .	11.05
Library	1,500.00	524.00	. .	2,024.00	2,015.28	. .	8.72
Park	450.00	. .	. .	450.00	442.40	. .	7.60
Electric Light . . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Electric Light Deprecia'n	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Elec. Lt. Meter Deposits	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Cemetery . . .	1,450.00	453.00	. .	1,903.00	1,899.81	. .	3.19
Opening Graves . .	450.00	. .	117.47	467.47	467.47	. .	. .
Cemetery Asphalt . .	125.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	125.00*
Cemetery Equipment	270.00	. .	. .	270.00	270.00	. .	. .
Cemetery Endowment .	. .	1,275.00	. .	1,275.00	1,275.00	. .	. .
Post War Projects Com'tee	200.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	200.00*
Reserve Fund . . .	600.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	$ 528.48	71.52
Contingent Fund . .	700.00	. .	. .	700.00	590.65	. .	109.35
Memorial Day . .	375.00	. .	. .	375.00	330.93	. .	44.07
Insurance . . .	1,785.00	24 00	16 03	1,825.03	1,825.03	. .	. .
Veterans' Celebration .	2,000.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	2,000.00*
Repairs, Old School .	89.02	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	89.02*
Old School Alterations .	10,250.00	. .	. .	10,250.00	621.55	. .	9,628.45
Interest	420.00	. .	77.33	497.33	497.33	. .	. .
Funded Debt . . .	3,000.00	8,000.00	. .	3,000.00	3,000.00	. .	. .

ANALYSIS SHEET (Continued)

	Balance and Appropriation	Receipts	Transferred To	Total Available	Expended	Transferred From	Balance to Revenue
Lots and Graves Fund	$ 990.00	$ 295.00	. .	$ 1,285.00	. .	$ 405.00	$890.00*
Mansfield Fund	34.49	1,098.50	. .	1,132.99	$1,033.50	. .	99.49*
Tax Abatements, Refunds	. .	. .	. .	. .	157.02	. .	. .
Dog Tax	. .	678.60	. .	678.60	678.60	. .	. .
State Tax	. .	. .	. .	. .	1,852.75	. .	. .
County Tax	. .	. .	. .	. .	4,169.01	. .	. .
Withholding Tax	. .	6,165.55	. .	. .	6,165.55	. .	. .
Retirement Fund	. .	792.59	. .	. .	792.59	. .	. .
Blue Cross	. .	48,607.03	. .	. .	12.19	. .	. .
Estimated Receipts	. .	776.15	. .	. .	26.77	. .	. .
Tax Titles	. .	295.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Tax Title Possessions	. .	247.03	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1946 Excise Tax	. .	52.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1946 Poll Tax	. .	8,520.16	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1946 Real Estate Tax	. .	186.84	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1946 Personal Property Tax	. .	4,475.45	. .	.	. .	. .	. .
1947 Excise Tax	. .	1,030.00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1947 Poll Tax	. .	64,963.84	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1947 Real Estate Tax	. .	5,307.80	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
1947 Personal Property Tax	. .	60.30	. .	. .	60.30	. .	. .
		$248,052.81			$251,049.85		

* Balance carried forward

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

RECEIPTS
GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:		
CURRENT YEAR:		
Property	$ 71,712 48	
Poll	1,030 00	
PREVIOUS YEARS:		
Property	8,707 00	
Poll	52 00	
Tax title redemptions	776 15	
FROM THE STATE:		
Corporation	8,051 38	
Income	12,919 52	
		$103,543 53
LICENSES AND PERMITS:		
Liquor	2,300 00	
All others	274 00	
		2,574 00
FINES:		
District Court	260 00	
		260 00
GRANTS AND GIFTS:		
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Old age assistance	12,709 81	
Aid to dependent children	656 09	
		$13,365 90

FROM STATE FOR EDUCATION:		
Support of Public Schools	$ 696 64	
Vocational Education	166 77	
		$863 41
FROM STATE FOR OTHER PURPOSES:		
Highway	8,154 45	
Inspector of Animals	100 00	
Meal Tax	790 62	
		9,045 07
FROM COUNTY:		
Dog licenses	524 00	
		524 00
PRIVILEGES:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	4,722 48	
		4,722 48

DEPARTMENTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE:		
Selectmen	$40 39	
FINANCIAL:		
Treasurer	172 21	
Collector	106 10	
MUNICIPAL BUILDING:		
Town Hall, rental	412 25	
Old School, rental	300 00	
		$1,030 95

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		
Police Department	$ 70	
Sealing of Weights and Measures	32 58	
Services, dog officer	108 00	
		$141 28
HEALTH:		
Tuberculosis	247 14	
Dental Clinic	61 00	
		308 14
HIGHWAYS:		
General	3,380 46	
Chapter 90, Construction	11,100 00	
		14,480 46
CHARITIES:		
REIMBURSEMENTS FOR RELIEF:		
From Cities and Towns	464 35	
From State	1,200 40	
REIMBURSEMENTS FOR AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN:		
From State	852 24	
REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:		
From Cities and Towns	472 92	
From State	13,219 23	
		16,209 14
SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:		
War Allowances	200 00	
		200 00
SCHOOLS:		
Sale of supplies	76 00	
		76 00
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Sale of real estate	295 00	
		$ 295 00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:		
Sale of light and power	$57,171 09	
Miscellaneous	974 88	
Depreciation fund	2,366 77	
		$60,512 74
PUBLIC SCALES	64 85	64 85
		60,577 59
CEMETERIES:		
Sale of lots and graves	295 00	
Care " " " "	500 00	
Care of endowed lots	453 00	
		1,248 00
INTEREST:		
On deposits	39 06	
On deferred taxes	313 68	
On excise taxes	7 41	
ON PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS:		
Mansfield Fund	1,098 50	
		1,098 50
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:		
Old School Loan	8,000 00	
		8,000 00
AGENCY:		
Beverage licenses	10 00	
Perpetual care funds	1,275 00	
Meter deposits	430 00	
Blue Cross	60 30	
Withholding taxes	6,165 55	
Dog taxes	678 60	
Retirement Fund	792 59	
		9,412 04
REFUNDS:		
General departments	51 23	51 23
Total receipts		$248,052 81

EXPENDITURES

DEPARTMENTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES:

Appropriation		$5,100 00

EXPENDITURES

SELECTMEN:		
Clarence Osgood, Jr.	$250 00	
George B. Ogden	250 00	
James H. Coffin	197 92	
Harold M. Bishop	52 08	
		$750 00
ASSESSORS:		
Archibald L. Jones	525 00	
Paul B. Wake	525 00	
Harold M. Bishop	450 00	
		1,500 00
TOWN CLERK:		
Elmer P. Morrill		400 00
MODERATOR:		
John R. Braley	10 00	
Joseph T. Lee	10 00	
Wilbur Witham	30 00	
		50 00
TOWN TREASURER:		
Marion E. Mitchell		700 00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Elmer O. Campbell		700 00
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Harold E. Tyler		700 00
TOWN COUNSEL:		
John R. Braley	75 00	
James J. Gaffney	225 00	
		300 00
Total expenditures		$5,100 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES:

Appropriation	$1,100 00	
Refund	121 25	
		$1,221 25

EXPENDITURES

SELECTMEN:		
Supplies and printing	179 20	
Postage	16 00	
Selectmens' Association, dues	31 00	
Mileage and expenses	24 60	
		250 80
TOWN TREASURER:		
Supplies	85 76	
Postage	131 43	
Mileage and expenses	78 23	
Safe deposit box	15 00	
Office Equipment	204 58	
		515 00
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Supplies and printing	169 40	
Postage	50 32	
Mileage and expenses	22 32	
Petty cash	50 00	
		292 04
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Supplies and printing	51 15	
		51 15
TOWN CLERK:		
Supplies	9 25	
Postage	27 23	
		36 48

TOWN COUNSEL:		
Association dues	$ 2 00	
Expenses	60 00	
		$ 62 00
Total expenditures		1,207 47
Transferred to revenue		13 78
		1,221 25

TAX TITLE EXPENSES:		
Appropriation	300 00	
Refund	6 75	
		306 75
EXPENDITURES		
Counsel fees	150 01	
Registry of Deeds	54 45	
Advertisement	82 29	
Land Court	20 00	
Total expenditures		306 75
ASSESSORS' EXPENSES:		
Appropriation	300 00	
Transferred from reserve	60 90	
		306 90
EXPENDITURES		
Clerical service	124 00	
Abstracts	80 35	
Supplies	156 55	
Total expenditures		360 90
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:		
Appropriation	$	
Registrars' salaries	100 00	
Election expenses	100 00	
Transferred from reserve	30 31	
		$230 91

EXPENDITURES

E. P. Morrill	$ 25 00	
E. C. Goodale	25 00	
Lloyd Getchell	25 00	
Joseph T. Lee	25 00	
		$ 100 00
Election officers	60 00	
Lunches	8 31	
Printing and postage	62 00	
Total expenditures		130 31
		230 31

TOWN HALL:

Appropriation, maintenance	800 00	
Appropriation, salary	730 00	
		1,530 00

EXPENDITURES

Paul H. Young, janitor	730 00	
Fuel and light	411 08	
Water and telephone	115 20	
Repairs	121 94	
Supplies	56 31	
Total expenditures		1,434 53
Transferred to revenue		95 47
		1,430 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Appropriation		$4,394 60
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	$3,604 76	
Automobile repairs, gas and oil	560 22	
Supplies	80 48	
Office supplies, telephone	149 14	
Total expenditures		4,394 60

CONSTABLE'S SALARY:

Appropriation		35 00
EXPENDITURES		
W. C. Rundlett, Jr., salary		35 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Appropriation		4,800 00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries:		
Chief	150 00	
Deputy Chief and Forest warden	100 00	
Firemen	205 00	
Labor	2,249 15	
Equipment and repairs	1,015 82	
Gasoline and oil	153 68	
Building maintenance	442 80	
Fuel and light	153 43	
Office expense, telephone	211 48	
Fire alarm	92 12	
Lunches	16 52	
Total expenditures		4,790 00
Balance to revenue		10 00
		4,800 00

FIRE ALARM:

Balance January 1, 1947		535 37
EXPENDITURES		
Equipment		535 37

MOTH DEPARTMENT:

Appropriation	$1,000 00	
Transferred from reserve	51 86	
		$1,051 86

EXPENDITURES

Labor	666 17	
Truck hire	240 90	
Supplies	44 79	
Sprayer hire	100 00	
Total expenditures		1,051 86

TREE WARDEN:

Appropriation	500 00	
Transferred from Reserve	150 00	
		650 00

EXPENDITURES

Labor	418 79	
Truck hire	215 42	
Supplies	15 74	
Total expenditures		649 95
Transferred to revenue		05
		650 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Appropriation		125 00

EXPENDITURES

Louis V. Moreau, salary	31 25	
Harold F. Purdy "	93 75	
Total expenditures		125 00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Appropriation		$1,600 00
EXPENDITURES		
Essex Sanatorium, care of patients	$397 00	
Dumps, labor and truck	210 20	
Dog cases—officer and expenses	92 00	
Charles Pasquale, agent	40 00	
Mary Wilson, ass't agent	20 00	
Recording vital statistics	195 50	
Contagious diseases	625 00	
Supplies	17 54	
Total expenditures		1,597 24
Transferred to revenue		2 76
		1,600 00

ESSEX SANATORIUM ASSESSMENT:

Appropriation		2,054 95
EXPENDITURES		
County treasurer		2,054 95

DENTAL CLINIC:

Appropriation		500 00
EXPENDITURES		
Dr. E. J. Connely	499 25	
Supplies	75	
Total expenditures		500 00

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND SLAUGHTERING, SALARY:

Appropriation	300 00
EXPENDITURES	
Murray Bullerwell	300 00

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY:

Appropriation	$1,809 58	
Refund	16 48	
		$1,826 06

EXPENDITURES

Labor	1,330 62	
Truck hire	54 33	
Gravel	74 50	
Asphalt	134 44	
Supplies	126 75	
Office expenses—telephone	103 16	
Total expenditures		1,823 80
Transferred to revenue		2 26
		1,826 06

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81—MAINTENANCE:

Appropriation	4,800 00	
State allotment	7,200 00	
		12,000 00

EXPENDITURES

Labor	5,780 30	
Truck hire	1,738 98	
Sand and gravel	827 35	
Asphalt	2,883 58	
Supplies	732 39	
Office expenses	37 29	
Total expenditures		11,999 89
Transferred to revenue		11
		12,000 00

HIGHWAY—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	2,463 06	
State and County allotment	9,300 00	
Transferred from Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,100 00	
Balance from January 1, 1947	494 64	
		13,357 70

EXPENDITURES		
Labor	$3,066 16	
Truck hire	1,000 20	
Equipment hire	1,613 25	
Gravel	505 51	
Asphalt	271 75	
Supplies	525 33	
Land takings	325 00	
Total expenditures	7,307 20	
Balance carried forward		$6,050 50
		$13,357 70

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL:

Appropriation	500 00	
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	294 78	
Truck hire	182 35	
Gravel	21 50	
Total expenditures		498 63
Transferred to revenue		1 37
		500 00

1946 ACCOUNTS:

Appropriation		154 17
EXPENDITURES		
On order		154 17

SNOW REMOVAL:

Appropriation	10,200 00	
Emergency overdraft	1,195 52	
		11,395 52
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	4,567 22	
Truck hire	4,807 44	
Sand and salt	1,346 77	
Supplies and repairs	654 18	
State road	19 91	
Total expenditures		11,395 52

ROAD MACHINERY FUND:

Balance January 1, 1947	$1,993 88	
Receipts	3,343 87	
Transferred from reserve	6 10	
		$5,343 85

EXPENDITURES

Gasoline and oil	850 98	
Repairs and parts	1,039 53	
Labor	163 33	
Supplies	37 85	
Storage	495 00	
Insurance and registration	90 75	
Sand spreader	829 56	
Total expenditures		3,507 00
Balance carried forward		1,836 85
		5,343 85

STREET LIGHTING:

Appropriation	2,500 00

EXPENDITURES

Middleton Electric Light Dept.	2,500 00

CHARITIES

PUBLIC WELFARE SALARIES:

Appropriation		$325 00
EXPENDITURES		
Leslie E. Merrifield	$125 00	
Wilbur Rundlett Jr.	100 00	
Alexander Fraser	75 00	
Charles Pasquale	25 00	
Total expenditures		325 00

PUBLIC WELFARE MAINTENANCE:

Appropriation		4,500 00
EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL EXPENSES:		
Mileage	21 00	
Supplies	11 00	
		32 00
Cash payments	1,608 00	
Groceries, fuel, clothing	2,030 13	
Medical aid	434 14	
Other towns	294 09	
		4,366 36
Total expenditures		4,398 36
Transferred to revenue		101 64
		4,500 00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—AID:

Appropriation	18,700 00	
Federal grants	12,291 29	
Refunds	36 73	
		31,028 02
EXPENDITURES		
Cash payments	30,724 82	
Other towns	298 35	
Total expenditures		31,023 17
Transferred to revenue		4 85
		31,028 02

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION:

Appropriation	$500 00	
Federal grants	418 52	
		$918 52

EXPENDITURES

Agent, salary	396 45	
Mileage	54 18	
Office rent—supplies, etc.	175 77	
Total expenditures		626 40
Transferred to revenue		292 12
		918 52

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—AID:

Appropriation	2,675 00	
Federal grants	641 43	
		3,316 43

EXPENDITURES

On order	3,264 31	3,264 31
Transferred to revenue		52 12
		3,361 43

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—ADMINISTRATION:

Appropriation	50 00	
Federal grant	14 66	
		64 66

EXPENDITURES

Agent, salary	20 40	
Mileage	1 08	
Total expenditures		21 48
Transferred to revenue		43 18
		64 66

VETERANS' SERVICES

STATE AID:

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDITURES		
Transferred to revenue		150 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF:

Appropriation		1,500 00
EXPENDITURES		
On order	1,186 95	
Total expenditures		1,186 95
Transferred to revenue		313 05
		1,500 00

WAR ALLOWANCES:

Appropriation		200 00
EXPENDITURES		
On order		100 00
Transferred to revenue		100 00
		200 00

VETERANS' AGENT:

Appropriation		
Salary	250 00	
Expenses	50 00	
		300 00
EXPENDITURES		
James H. Ogden, salary	250 00	
Total expenditures		250 00
Transferred to revenue		50 00
		300 00

SCHOOLS

Appropriation	$47,500 00	
Transferred to reserve	18 48	
		$47,518 48

EXPENDITURES

SALARIES:		
Teachers and supervisors	$22,067 79	
Nurse and Doctor	910 00	
Attendance officer	50 00	
		23,027 79
GENERAL EXPENSES:		
Salary—superintendent	365 04	
Salary—clerk	100 00	
Expenses—superintendent	123 08	
Expenses—office	58 62	
		646 74
Books and supplies	2,005 01	
Tuition	13,267 46	
Transportation	4,790 00	
Janitor service	1,937 08	
Building maintenance	673 95	
Fuel and light	1,140 65	
Graduation expenses	29 80	
		23,843 95
Total expenditures		47,518 48

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

Appropriation	200 00	

EXPENDITURES

Transportation	76 00	
Tuition	112 95	
Total expenditures		188 95
Transferred to revenue		11 05
		200 00

LIBRARY:

Appropriation	$1,500 00	
Dog tax refund	524 00	
		$2,024 00

EXPENDITURES

On order		2,015 28
Transferred to revenue		8 72
		2,024 00

(For detailed report see Trustees' report)

PARK:

Appropriation		450 00

EXPENDITURES

Labor	339 56	
Supplies	102 84	
Total expenditures		442 40
Transferred to revenue		7 60
		450 00

CEMETERY

CEMETERY SALARIES:

Appropriation		$90 00
EXPENDITURES		
R. N. Maxwell, superintendent of burials	$30 00	
Clarence Richardson, Commissioner	20 00	
Roger Lovelace "	20 00	
Arthur T. Page "	20 00	
Total expenditures		90 00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:

Appropriation	1,450 00	
Endowment funds	453 00	
		1,903 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	1,839 71	
Truck hire	13 80	
Supplies	34 58	
Water	11 62	
Total expenditures		1,899 81
Transferred to revenue		3 19
		1,450 00

OPENING GRAVES:

Appropriation	350 00	
Transferred from reserve	117 47	
		467 47
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	433 12	
Truck hire	34 35	
Total expenditures		467 47

CEMETERY ASPHALT—SPECIAL:

Appropriation	$125 00
EXPENDITURES	
Balance carried forward	125 00

CEMETERY EQUIPMENT—SPECIAL:

Appropriation	270 00
EXPENDITURES	
Power trimmer	$270 00

CEMETERY ENDOWMENT:

Received	1,275 00
EXPENDITURES	
Deposited in Savings Banks	1,275 00

UNCLASSIFIED

CONTINGENT FUND:

Appropriation		$700 00

EXPENDITURES

Printing and delivering town reports	$380 90	
Scales, weighing fees	42 20	
Sealer's expenses	24 06	
Honor roll	15 00	
Rentals	43 00	
Christmas Tree lights	16 17	
Old school, plans	25 00	
Essex Street water	14 32	
Funeral pieces	30 00	
Total expenditures		590 65
Transferred to revenue		109 35
		700 00

INSURANCE:

Appropriation	1,785 00	
Refund	24 00	
Transferred from reserve	16 03	
		1,825 03

EXPENDITURES

Workmen's liability	881 53	
Building liability	60 00	
New school	186 75	
Old school	204 00	
Town Hall	169 55	
Fire department	69 90	
Sealer's equipment	25 05	
Clerk's bond	5 00	
Collector's bond and burglary insurance	125 25	
Treasurer's " " " "	98 00	
Total expenditures		$1,825 03

INTEREST:		
Appropriation	$ 420 00	
Transferred from reserve	77 33	
		$ 497 33
EXPENDITURES		
School construction notes	420 00	
School alteration notes	77 33	
Total expenditures		497 33
REPAIRS TO OLD SCHOOL:		
Balance January 1, 1947		89 52
EXPENDITURES		
Balance carried forward		89 52
OLD SCHOOL ALTERATIONS:		
Appropriation		10,250 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor and materials	617 80	
Ads	3 75	
Total expenditures		621 55
Balance carried forward		9,628 45
		10,250 00
VETERANS' CELEBRATION:		
Appropriation		2,000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Balance carried forward		2,000 00
MEMORIAL DAY:		
Appropriation		375 00
EXPENDITURES		
Band	192 00	
Flowers, wreaths, flags	73 00	
Speaker and music	42 00	
Refreshments	13 93	
Printing	10 00	
Total expenditures		330 93
Transferred to revenue		44 07
		$375 00

MANSFIELD FUND:

Balance January 1, 1947	$ 34 49	
Received from Old Colony Trust Co.	1,070 00	
Adult picnic tickets	28 50	
		$1,132 99

EXPENDITURES

Band concerts	343 00	
Picnic	355 50	
Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets	335 00	
Total expenditures		1,033 50
Balance carried forward		99 49
		1,132 99

RESERVE FUND:

Appropriation		600 00
Transferred to:		
Opening Graves	117 47	
Moth Department	51 86	
Tree Warden	150 00	
Interest	77 33	
Assessors' Expenses	60 90	
Elections and Registrations	30 31	
School	18 48	
Insurance	16 03	
Road Machinery Account	6 10	
Revenue	71 52	
		$600 00

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1947	$ 3,980 27	
Energy	54,671 09	
Labor and supplies	935 82	
Depreciation fund	4,125 00	
Interest on deposits	39 06	
Audit adjustment	40 26	
Street lighting appropriation	2,500 00	
		$66,291 50

EXPENDITURES

ENERGY PURCHASED:		
Eastern Mass. Elec. Co.	38,255 17	
Danvers Electric Light Dept.	65 26	
Reading Electric Light Dept.	10 50	
		38,330 93
MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION:		
Labor	9,268 70	
Sub-station equipment	812 59	
Poles and wire	3,022 52	
Meters and Transformers	2,050 15	
Street lighting equipment	1,825 55	
Supplies	2,990 24	
Insurance	477 62	
Truck maintenance	750 44	
		21,197 81
ADMINISTRATION:		
A. B. Harrington, manager	1,675 00	
Commissioner's salaries	150 00	
Office supplies	744 79	
Office salaries	1,524 25	
Office equipment	200 17	
		4,294 21
DEPRECIATION FUND	2,366 77	
Meter deposit interest	27 20	
		2,393 97
Total expenditures		66,216 92
Balance carried forward		74 58
		$66,291 50

DEPRECIATION FUND:

Balance January 1, 1947	$11,795 31	
Transferred to fund	2,366 77	
		$14,162 08
EXPENDITURES		
Transportation equipment	3,149 22	
Transferred to construction account	4,125 00	
Total expenditures		7,274 22
Balance carried forward		6,887 86
		14,162 08

METER DEPOSIT FUND:

Balance January 1, 1947	1,077 00	
Receipts	430 00	
		1,507 00
EXPENDITURES		
Refunds	637 00	637 00
Balance carried forward		$870 00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

MATURING DEBT:		
Appropriation		$3,000 00
EXPENDITURES		
School construction notes		3,000 00
COUNTY CHARGES:		
County tax	$4,169 01	
Dog tax	678 60	
Retirement Fund	792 59	
		5,640 20
EXPENDITURES		
County treasurer		5,640 20
STATE CHARGES:		
State tax	1,750 00	
State parks	102 75	
Beverage license	10 00	
		1,862 75
EXPENDITURES		
State treasurer		1,862 75
FEDERAL CHARGES:		
Withholding Tax		6,165 55
EXPENDITURES		
Collector of Internal Revenue		6,165 55
TAX ABATEMENTS—REFUNDS:		
1946 real estate	44 10	
1947 " "	72 00	
1947 excise tax	28 92	
1947 poll	12 00	
Tax titles	26 77	
Interest	49	
		$184 28

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1947—GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash on hand - - - - -		$78,373 55
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
TAXES—Levy of 1947		
Real Estate	$ 7,259 51	
Personal property	151 02	
Poll	68 00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	384 35	
		7,862 88
TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:		
Tax titles - - -	2,399 58	
Tax title possessions	2,734 28	
		5,133 86
DEPARTMENTAL:		
Public Welfare - -	375 00	
Old Age Assistance -	359 67	
Aid Dependent Children	389 61	
Public Health - - -	184 29	
		$ 1,308 57
Municipal Light		7,213 53
State Aid to Highways		10,166 70
County Aid to Highways		3,100 00
1947 Snow Removal Deficit		1,195 62
		$114,354 61

LIABILITIES

Land Sale Funds - - - -		$ 5,552 12
Sale Land Low Value - - -		161 63
Mansfield Fund Income - - -		99 49
Lots and Graves Fund - - -		890 00
Road Machinery Fund - - -		1,836 85
Electric Light, meter deposits	870 00	
" " depreciation	6,887 86	
" " cash	24 58	7,782 44
Appropriation Balances - - -		18,118 68
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus -		2,056 05
OVERLAY RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS:		
Levy of 1947 - - - - -		379 82
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:		
Departmental - -	1,308 57	
Tax Titles - - -	5,133 86	
Motor Vehicle Excise -	384 35	
Municipal Light - -	7,213 53	
Highways - - -	13,266 70	
		27,307 01
Overestimate—State Tax		37 97
Overestimate—County Tax		900 64
Surplus revenue		49,231 91
		$114,354 61

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$26,000 00	School Construction Notes	$18,000 00
		Old School Alteration Notes	8,000 00
	$26,000 00		$26,000 00

TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Trust Funds Cash and Securities:		David Cummings Fund	$10,864 91
In Custody of Town Treasurer	$42,667 93	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	22,321 02
In Custody of Library Trustees	8,049 66	Post War Rehabilitation Fund	9,472 00
In Custody of Naumkeag Trust Co.	10,217 33	Charles L. Flint Library Fund	5,817 62
		Mary E. Emerson Book Fund	3,232 04
		B. F. Emerson Library Fund	10,217 33
	$60,934 92		$60,934 92

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 1947

Balance January 1, 1947		$81,370 59
RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR:		
1946	Real Estate	$8,520 16
	Interest	209 65
	Excise	247 03
	Interest	1 97
	Poll	52 00
	Interest	72
	Demands	8 75
	Personal Property	186 84
	Interest	4 37
1947	Real Estate	64,963 84
	Interest	11 73
	Excise tax	4,475 45
	Interest	5 81
	Poll	1,030 00
	Interest	31
	Demands	21 35
	Advertising	2 00
	Personal property	5,307 80
	Interest	22 82
RECEIVED FROM ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:		
Collections		54,666 09
Deposits		450 00
Depreciation Fund		2,366 77
Interest		41 06
Private work		312 29
Rent		300 00
Sale of truck		115 00
Street lights		2,500 00
Supplies sold		491 53
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:		
Reimbursement—cancelled check		90
"	School Department	7 93

ROAD MACHINERY FUND:	
Machinery rentals	$3,135 07
Private Rentals	207 90
CEMETERY:	
Endowments	1,275 00
Graves, opening	500 00
Graves and lots sold	295 00
Interest on endowed accounts	453 00
COUNTY OF ESSEX:	
Advertising	3 00
Dog officer	108 00
Dog tax refund	524 00
Highways, Chapter 90	3,720 11
Retirement Fund	792 59
LICENSES:	
Auctioneers	6 00
Firearms	39 00
Fruit and Vegetables	5 00
Innholders	10 00
Junk	20 00
Liquor	2,300 00
Mfg. soda beverages	20 00
Motor vehicles, gas and alcohol	35 00
Oleo	50
Pasteurization	10 00
Popcorn	5 00
Slaughtering	100 00
Sunday	15 00
Victualler's	9 00
Undertaker's	2 00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:	
Danvers	15 53
Essex	22 08
Eventide Rest Home	36 73
Lynn	64 36
Saugus	226 65
Woburn	34 97
Winthrop	109 33

PUBLIC WELFARE:	
Lynn	$ 444 35
Salem	20 00
TAX TITLES:	
Redemptions	942 57
WITHHOLDING TAX	
Collector of Internal Revenue	6,165 55
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Advertising	21 63
Cancelled checks	14 50
Dental Clinic	61 00
Dog tax	678 60
Fees	97 43
Fines	260 00
Land sales	301 00
Mansfield Fund	1,098 50
Mass. Hospital Service, Inc.	60 30
Miscellaneous sales	132 75
Reimbursements	790 54
Rent of Town Hall	409 00
LOANS:	
Merchants National Bank	8,000 00
STATE TREASURER:	
Aid dependent children:	
Administration	14 66
State aid	852 24
U. S. Grant	641 43
Child guardianship:	
Temporary Aid—Transportation	1,200 40
Contagious diseases	45 00
Corporation tax	8,051 38
Department of Agriculture	100 00
Department of Public Health	202 14

Dept. of Public Works:		
Division of Highways, Chapter 81	$ 4,921 15	
" " " Chap. 90-Maint.	10,633 30	
Income tax	12,919 52	
Mass. School Fund	696 64	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	351 78	
Meal tax	790 62	
State aid	13,219 23	
U. S. grant	12,358 03	
Reimbursement—loss of taxes	766 81	
Vocational education	166 77	
War allowance	200 00	
Total receipts		$248,052 81
		$329,423 40

EXPENDITURES

Selectmens' orders	$251,049 85
Balance December 31, 1947	78,373 55
	$329,423 40

INVESTMENTS

Twenty-five United States War Bonds (Town of Middleton)	$9,472 00
Two United States War Bonds (Middleton Electric Light Dept.)	1,480 00
Transferred from Meter Deposit Fund to Danvers Sav. Bank	1,500 00
Interest to October 1, 1947	92 44

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

LAND OWNED BY TOWN

December 31, 1947

The Town owns the following parcels of land. These parcels have been deeded to the Town by the Treasurer:

FOREST STREET PINES:

Lot Numbered 23.

HASWELL PARK:

Lot Numbered 155.

MIDDLETON PINES:

Lots Numbered 327, 328, 351/355, inclusive; 406/408, 506/513 inclusive; 768, 769; 948, 949, 1149.

RECREATION PARK:

Lots Numbered 54, 55, 56, A-B-C-D; 61/68 inclusive; Lot H; 71/82 inclusive; 103/123 inclusive; 128/130 inclusive; 220/236 inclusive; 243/246 inclusive; Elliott Lot; 2nd Pasture Woodland and Meadow; Parker Lot; Island Pasture; 1st lot of 9th Parcel; 14th Parcel; Gray Lot; Smith Lot; Sutton Lot.

RIVERVIEW PARK:

Lots Numbered 158/162 inclusive; 167/182 inclusive.

SUMMIT VIEW PARK:

Lots Numbered 9; 30/34 inclusive; 51, 57, 74/79 inclusive; 94/97 inclusive; 136/148 inclusive; 164/169 inclusive; 212, 213; 215/218 inclusive; 242/251 inclusive; 257/270 inclusive; 288/301 inclusive; 307, 308; 311/318 inclusive; 326/330 inclusive; 333/337 inclusive; 344/371 inclusive; 376, 378; 385-398 inclusive.

WOODLAND PARK:

Lots Numbered 83-91 inclusive; 113-117 inclusive; 125; 135-138 inclusive; 332; 523, 525, 526; 575, 576.

Also: G. A. Fuller meadow, 14 acres

Jos. Whittier estate, woodland

MARION E. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

Cemetery Endowment Account—1947

NAME	No. of Lot	Fund	Balance 1946	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1947
Atwood, L. Frank - -	360	$100 00	$121 49	$3 05	$3 50	$121 04
Atwood, Morrison - -	128	150 00	162 66	4 08	3 50	163 24
Averill, Edward P. - -	52	100 00	105 39	2 64	3 25	104 78
Averill, Joseph - - -	346	100 00	104 26	2 61	3 00	103 87
Baker, Charles, Jr. - -	398	150 00	150 63	3 78	2 50	151 91
Barnaby, Caroline V. -	646	100 00	114 15	2 87	3 00	114 02
Bastable, Arthur - -	10	150 00	154 10	3 88	3 50	154 48
Batchelder, Harold T. -	528	75 00	80 63	2 01	1 50	81 14
Berry, Allen & Catherine	112	125 00	140 09	3 51	3 25	140 35
Berry, Milton - - - -	718	150 00	150 00	2 82	2 00	150 82
Berry, William - - -	178	100 00	105 50	2 64	3 00	105 14
Bouchard, Louis - - -	706	100 00	106 20	2 67	3 00	105 87
Bradstreet, H. H. - -	1	150 00	153 71	3 85	3 00	154 56
Brown, Sarah F. - - -	½ of 434	50 00	53 55	1 34	1 25	53 64
Bryer, Allen D. - - -	526	200 00	105 11	2 85	2 50	205 46
Bryer, Lillian L. - - -	606	150 00	151 50	3 80	3 50	151 80
Carleton, Loring - - -	34	200 00	203 24	5 10	4 00	204 34
Carter, Mary O. - - -	137	150 00	156 04	3 91	3 50	156 45
Conlon, Mary A. - - -		100 00	106 22	2 67	2 50	106 39
Curry, Mary A. - - -	342	100 00	107 91	2 70	2 50	108 11
Curtis, Philip- - - -	B-13	150 00				150 00
Curtis, Phoebe - - -		50 00	53 82	1 34	1 25	53 91
Dame, John - - - -	284	150 00	162 98	4 09	3 50	163 57
Day, Mrs. Geo. E. - -	588	50 00	53 29	1 32	1 25	53 36
Day, Weaver - - - -	248	150 00	156 70	3 93	3 50	157 13
Demsey, J. W. - - -	156	100 00	105 05	2 64	3 50	104 19
Dennett, Ruth H. - -	24	75 00	79 80	1 99	2 00	79 79
Densmore, Stanley - -	B3	150 00	152 52	3 83	3 50	152 85
Downing, William H. -	626	100 00	116 80	2 93	1 25	118 48
Duncan, Reuben - - -	489	150 00	151 73	3 80	3 00	152 53
Eaton, Irvin L. - - -	168	75 00	77 14	1 94	2 00	77 08
Emerson, Benjamin F. -	214	150 00	166 27	4 18	3 50	166 95
Emerson, Ellen M. - -	138	100 00	103 82	2 60	3 00	103 42
Emerson, Eunice W. -	166	100 00	107 69	2 70	3 00	107 39
Emerson, Henry P. - -	496	500 00	529 18	13 30	12 00	530 48
Estey and Hutchinson -	48	100 00	105 70	2 65	3 00	105 35
Esty, Allena A. - - -	258	200 00	235 58	5 92	4 50	237 00
Esty Annie E. - - -	572	100 00	104 06	2 61	3 00	103 67
Esty, Loren G. - - -	538	100 00	124 99	3 13	3 00	125 12
Fletcher, Samuel A. - -	130	100 00	102 45	2 57	2 75	102 27

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Fund	Balance 1946	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1947
Flint, George B. - - -	152	$ 66 30	$ 71 04	$1 78	$1 50	$ 71 32
Flint, Harley A. - - -	256	100 00	102 67	2 57	2 50	102 74
Fowler, Alonzo - - -	12	250 00	260 91	6 55	3 75	263 71
Frame, L. Maria - - -	516	125 00	133 80	3 35	3 00	134 15
Frost, Chas. O. - - -	340	150 00	173 25	4 35	3 00	174 60
Fuller, Abijah - - -	110	150 00	173 80	4 35	3 50	174 65
Fuller, Daniel - - - -	628	100 00	104 95	2 63	3 00	104 58
Fuller, Jeremiah - - -	70	125 00	141 04	3 54	3 50	141 08
Fuller, Lida A. - - -	686	100 00	105 62	2 64	3 00	105 26
Fuller, Luella F. - -	158	150 00	156 22	3 93	3 50	156 65
Fuller, Lydia & Timothy	268	100 00	105 55	2 64	3 00	105 19
Fuller, Sophronia - - -	236	200 00	240 86	6 04	4 50	242 40
Fuller and Taylor - -	644	150 00	155 27	3 90	3 50	155 67
Fuller, William H. - -	336	100 00	104 35	2 61	3 00	103 96
Gifford, William - - -	180	100 00	105 28	2 64	2 75	105 17
Gilbert, James - - -	188	100 00	105 47	2 64	3 00	105 11
Godfrey, William R. -	714	100 00	101 56	2 54	3 00	101 10
Goodwin, Ira E. Heirs of	380	100 00	109 78	2 75	2 00	110 53
Goswiler, Carl B. - - -	716	150 00	179 12	4 50	1 50	182 12
Gould, Andrew - - -	352	50 00	54 52	1 37	1 25	54 64
Gould, Eben - - - -	514	100 00	106 86	2 68	2 50	107 04
Gould, Porter I. - - -	414	100 00	105 22	2 64	2 50	105 36
Gould, Walter - - -	578	150 00	152 10	3 83	3 50	152 43
Graham, Benj. & Edythe	139	150 00	150 63	3 78	2 50	151 91
Graves, D. Augustine -	234	100 00	102 69	2 57	2 50	102 76
Graves, Kendall E. - -	586	100 00	102 70	2 57	2 50	102 77
Hall, E. P. - - - - -	106	100 00	107 08	2 69	2 50	107 27
Ham, Elinor P. - - -	356	125 00	135 71	3 40	3 25	135 86
Harlow, Levi F. - - -	684	100 00	106 30	2 67	2 50	106 47
Haskell, Ella C. - - -	390	200 00	206 13	5 18	4 50	206 81
Higgins, Lewis S. - - -	264	100 00	108 91	2 73	2 50	109 14
Hilton, Ellen - - - -	492½	150 00	150 00	3 77	No Chg.	153 77
Hobbs, Kathryn -	½ of 588	50 00	53 40	1 34	1 25	53 49
Hoelzel, William - -	5-6	150 00	153 51	3 85	3 50	153 86
Howe, Benjamin - - -	160	150 00	151 59	3 80	3 50	151 89
Hutchinson and Russell -	518	100 00	101 65	2 54	2 50	101 69
Hutchinson, Caroline A.	253	100 00	103 74	2 60	2 50	103 84
Hutchinson, Elisha P. -	740	100 00	103 95	2 60	2 50	104 05
Johnson, Frank E. - -	804	100 00	114 28	2 87	2 00	115 15
Jones, John E. - - -	372	100 00	104 25	2 61	2 50	104 36

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Fund	Balance 1946	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1947
Jones, John and Mary -	802	$200 00				$200 00
Jones, Samuel - - -	290	100 00	$105 86	$2 65	$2 50	106 01
Jopp, C. B. - - - - - -	912	75 00		94	No Chg.	75 94
Leavitt, Jerome - - -	62	150 00	161 16	4 05	3 50	161 71
Lee & Meade - - - -	82	150 00	151 56	3 80	3 50	151 86
Leonard & Henderson -	141-3	300 00	301 28	7 57	5 00	303 85
Lever, William - - -	18	150 00				150 00
Martin, William - - -		150 00	151 73	3 80	3 50	152 03
Metcalf, John - - - -	624	150 00	150 63	3 78	2 00	152 41
Millett, Annie L. - - -		150 00	150 00	3 14	2 00	151 14
McGlauflin, Benjamin T.	76	150 00	153 89	3 85	3 50	154 24
McIntire, Abraham - -	132	75 00	78 59	1 97	2 00	78 56
McIntire, Annie M. - -	338	100 00	110 48	2 77	2 50	110 75
McKenne, Thomas - -	532	150 00	152 36	3 83	3 50	152 69
Nash, Harold - - - -	B11	75 00				75 00
Nelson, Roy - - - -	910	150 00	152 07	3 81	3 50	152 38
Paine, Walter - - - -	7	150 00	153 19	3 85	3 50	153 54
Peabody & Hutchinson	182-84	150 00	159 82	4 00	3 50	160 32
Peabody, Andrew - -	56	100 00	103 75	2 60	2 50	103 85
Peabody, A. W. - - -	90	200 00	248 73	6 24	4 00	250 97
Peabody, Dean - - -	344	100 00	101 92	2 55	2 50	101 97
Peabody, John L. - - -	196	100 00	107 43	2 69	2 50	107 62
Peabody, John W., 2nd -	192	150 00	153 04	3 84	3 50	153 38
Peabody, Laura E. - -	534	100 00	104 21	2 61	2 50	104 32
Peabody, Merrill - - -	754	100 00	105 72	2 65	2 50	105 87
Peabody, Samuel M. - -	204	100 00	105 18	2 64	2 50	105 32
Peabody, S. Maria - -	584	100 00	105 88	2 65	2 50	106 03
Peabody, William M. -		100 00	104 74	2 63	2 50	104 87
Perkins, William - - -	643	200 00		1 25	No Chg.	201 25
Phelps, Annie H. - - -	146	150 00	172 13	4 33	3 50	172 96
Phelps, William A. - -	148	100 00	104 39	2 61	2 50	104 50
Pike, Sarah J. - - -	412	125 00	136 31	3 43	2 50	137 24
Putney, Lucretia - - -	104	150 00	152 34	3 83	3 50	152 67
Richardson, Benj. F. -	164	100 00	104 47	2 61	2 50	104 58
Richardson, Daniel - -		100 00	104 83	2 63	2 50	104 96
Richardson, Rev. D. W.	410	100 00	104 50	2 61	2 50	104 61
Richardson, Eli - - -	363	150 00	165 81	4 15	3 50	166 46
Richardson, Lucy G. -	80	100 00	104 24	2 61	2 50	104 35
Richardson, William J.	250	150 00	156 80	3 93	3 50	157 23
Russell, George - - -	114	150 00	154 30	3 88	3 50	154 68
Russell, Harriett W. -		100 00	104 96	2 63	2 50	105 09

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Fund	Balance 1946	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1947
Russell, P. B. - - - -	430	$200 00	$231 03	$5 80	$6 00	$230 83
Russell, Serena - - -	477	150 00	152 86	3 83	3 50	153 19
Sargent, James A. - -	750	100 00	104 98	2 63	2 50	105 11
Sheldon, Lucy J. - -	212	150 00	155 05	3 89	3 50	155 44
Sanford, William - -	11½	75 00		16	No Chg.	75 16
Sheldon, Alonzo - -	682	150 00				150 00
Skinner & Wilkins - -	400	100 00	105 74	2 65	2 50	105 89
Smith, E. D. & M. J. -	436	100 00	102 54	2 57	2 50	102 61
Smith, George H. - -	764	100 00	108 31	2 71	2 50	108 52
Smith, Sarah F. - - -	102	150 00	169 60	4 25	3 50	170 35
Soper, Polly A. - - -	298	100 00	103 79	2 60	2 50	103 89
Stiles, David - - - -		150 00	171 88	4 32	3 50	172 70
Stiles, Farnham - - -	10	100 00	104 24	2 61	2 50	104 35
Stiles, Hiram A. - -	30	150 00	163 42	4 10	3 50	164 02
Stiles, Osgood F. - -	424	150 00	163 01	4 10	3 50	163 61
Stiles, Sumner P. - -	482	150 00	163 44	4 10	3 50	164 04
Symonds, Charles H. -	448	100 00	104 52	2 61	2 50	104 63
Taylor, Benjamin H. -	334	100 00	104 78	2 63	2 50	104 91
Tedford, Joseph A. - -	810	150 00	159 02	4 00	3 50	159 52
Thomas, H. Amelia - -	64	75 00	78 58	1 96	2 00	78 54
Thompson, C. E. & Ellen	392	200 00	247 32	6 22	4 50	249 04
Townsend, Edward - -	468	150 00	150 82	3 78	3 50	151 10
Townsend, Ernest - -	454	150 00	150 82	3 78	3 50	151 10
Tufts, Wilbur - - -	486	100 00	103 10	2 59	2 50	103 19
Tyler, Ansel P. - -	540	150 00	183 48	4 60	3 50	184 58
Wellman, John R. - -	40	200 00	222 62	5 59	4 00	224 21
Weston, Samuel W. - -	36	200 00	211 64	5 32	4 00	212 96
White, Henry F. - - -	208	75 00	83 70	2 09	2 00	83 79
Whitman, Carl N. - -	116	100 00	104 17	2 61	2 50	104 28
Wiggins, Alexander -	806	150 00	150 00	3 77	No Chg.	153 77
Wilkins, Charles - -	459	150 00	150 00	3 45	2 00	151 45
Wilkins, H. H. & C. B.	440-442	300 00	311 92	7 83	6 00	313 75
Wilkins, Edward W. -	172	150 00	187 49	4 70	3 50	188 69
Wilkins, Henry A. - -	254	100 00	104 94	2 63	2 50	105 07
Wilkins, Luther - - -	176	150 00	176 42	4 43	3 50	177 35
Wilkins, Samuel H. - -	230	100 00	105 13	2 64	2 50	105 27
Wilkins, Susan A. - -	596	100 00	103 32	2 59	2 50	103 41
Wilkins, Timothy - -	50	100 00	108 67	2 73	2 50	108 90
Wilkins and Young -	614	150 00	152 18	3 83	3 50	152 51
Young, John - - - -	278	100 00	104 02	2 61	2 50	104 13
	Totals		$20,824 56	$523 01	$453 00	$22,069 57
Section C			157 08	4 37		261 45

CUMMINGS FUND

December 31, 1947

Balance, January 1, 1947		$9,840 62
United Shoe Machinery Corp., Shares		975 00

RECEIPTS

United Shoe Machinery, dividends	$136 52	
Salem Savings Bank, interest	119 56	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, interest	123 50	
		379 58
Total income		11,195 20
Trustees' orders		330 29
		$10,864 91

Balance, December 31, 1947		
Salem Savings Bank	$4,772 53	
Merchants National Bank	84 23	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	5,033 15	
United Shoe Machinery, shares	975 00	
		$10,864 91

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Various Departments

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1947

PART II

PAYROLL ANALYSIS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	Labor	Truck
Charles Ailing	$ 50 26	
Thomas Bott	1,855 48	
Harold Brown	14 00	
Emery Burnham	4 50	
William Campbell	25 13	
Thomas Cass, Jr.	4 90	
Charles Clinch, Jr.	44 80	
James Comstock	22 40	
Donald Currier	131 91	
Harold Currier		$428 75
Wm. Dearborn	6 00	
Daniel Donovan	71 40	
James Donovan	508 84	
Lawrence Donovan	4 90	
Philip Donovan		959 25
Frank Dunn	14 00	
Sefton Earl	156 80	
Robert Eddington	4 90	
David Esty	34 30	
Frank Evans	1,967 53	
Roger Fulton	6 75	
Robert Fuller	33 60	
Davis Gifford	187 80	
Parker Gifford	28 00	
Alton Goodale	16 20	
Gordon Goodale	47 40	
Arthur Gould	603 89	
Donald Harris	9 80	
John Hocter, Jr.	18 00	
William Hocter	1 50	
Chester Hood	12 00	
Richard Hood	34 50	
Peter Johnson		12 00
George Katz	2 80	
Ted Klosowski		938 45
Donald Lord	7 00	
Ellsworth Lord, Jr.	9 80	
Charles Lord	8 40	
Roger Lovelace	214 35	

	Labor	Truck
Lorenzo Lavorgna	$ 6 00	
David Lindsey	73 60	
Ernest Lindsey	239 15	$ 284 00
Allan Marshall	2,044 82	
Francis Masse	106 66	
Roger Margeson	32 63	
Thomas Murphy	3 50	
William T. Martin, Jr.		16 00
Raymond McKenney	202 35	
Bruce Macdonald	17 50	
George Nash	194 33	
Richard Nash	24 50	
Edward Noel		16 00
Benj. Ogden	440 00	
James Ogden	188 10	
Paul Osgood	60 00	
Milton Pollock	29 40	
Roland Peabody	1,104 30	
Rodney Roberts	8 63	
Elliott Rowell, Jr.	203 60	
Edward Richardson	29 40	
Clarence Richardson	381 60	
H. K. Richardson		330 25
John H. Ross	1,640 00	613 78
Leonard Smith		89 10
Albert Sheldon	354 00	
David Sheldon	86 10	
Gordon Sheldon	11 20	
Oscar Sheldon, 3rd	36 20	
Oscar Sheldon		935 83
Edward Sedlar	411 10	
Kenneth Stahler	3 00	
James Stewart	5 60	
Richard Stewart	32 28	
Jeffrey Savoie	12 60	
Royce Shuman	76 40	
Richard Stanly	65 80	
Alfred Saulinier	19 60	
Robert Vient	19 20	
John Walsh	9 10	
James Wentworth	948 76	
Forest Wiley	64 80	
Robert Young	25 20	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

	Labor	Truck
Richard Maxwell	$1,155 05	$43 95
Raymond Maxwell	7 50	
Raymond E. McKenney	92 25	
Raymond O. McKenney	6 00	
Richard Nash	640 13	
Arthur Page	11 25	
Robert Young	359 25	

PARK DEPARTMENT

Charles Clinch	$ 76 16
Lawrence Donovan	20 25
Robert Eddington	11 25
Frank Evans	3 28
Allan Marshall	16 45
Francis Masse	72 18
Paul Osgood	126 05
James Wentworth	9 84

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alexander Fraser	$ 132 00
Lloyd Getchell	169 50
Richard Harris	112 50
Benj. Ogden	72 00
Joseph Peters	60 00
Milton Pollock	7 00
Clarence Richardson	77 00
Wilbur Rundlett	2,766 26
Albert Sheldon	7 00
Gordon Sheldon	6 00
Harold Tyler	110 00
Philip Webber	5 00
James Wentworth	55 00

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

C. T. Brackett	$3,276 65
Raymond Currier	2,857 00
Norman Gage	105 60
Arthur Nimblett	44 00
Benj. Nimblett	2,876 25
Robert Young	128 70

MOTH DEPARTMENT

James Bastable	$ 88 19
Murray Bullerwell	79 20
Steve Byko	120 00
James Donovan	19 68
Kenny Fulton	6 00
Thomas Hines	18 86
Lorenzo Lavorgna	7 38
Ernest Lindsey	13 53
Arthur Nichols	13 16
Frank Picariello	39 36
Joseph Picariello	287 02
Foster Pichard	125 30
Norman Welch	17 60
Fred Wenneberg	13 12
Ralph Wenneberg	60 68
Forest Wiley	71 34
James Wiley	104 50

LIST OF JURORS

August 5, 1947

Mr. Archie N. Frost, Clerk of Courts
Salem, Mass.

The following is a List of the Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton in accordance with Chapter 234, Section 4, General Laws:

Name	Street	Occupation
Addison, John M.	Haswell Park	Gas Worker
Allen, Harry A.	So. Main Street	Retired
Donovan, Timothy J.	No. Main Street	Bus Operator
Evans, Guy E.	Forest Street	Supervisor
Floyd, Richard G.	Pleasant Street	Shipper
Getchell, Lloyd H.	Maple Street	Storekeeper
Germain, Hector A.	South Main Street	Retired
Gifford, George	Maple Street	Retired
Gorman, William J.	School Street	Farmer
Gould, Arthur P.	South Main Street	Laborer
Peart, James W.	Forest Street	Blacksmith
Poole, Robert T.	Maple Street	Merchant
Raynard, Ralph	Boston Street	G. E.
Richardson, W. W.	Boston Street	Carpenter
Tuttle, Arthur S.	River Street	Leather Worker

Very truly yours,

CLARENCE OSGOOD, Jr.,
JAMES H. COFFIN,
GEORGE B. OGDEN,
Selectmen of Middleton.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY—TRUSTEE'S REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Balance January 1, 1947	$ 341 86	
Naumkeag Trust Co.	517 36	
Essex Savings Bank	20 00	
Broadway Savings Bank	28 00	
Book Fines	24 00	
Pope Insurance Co. (dividend)	1 89	
		$ 933 10
Town appropriation		1,500 00
Dog tax		524 00
		2,957 10

EXPENDITURES:

Librarian's salary	$500 00	
Librarian's assistant	117 60	
Librarian's supplies	14 40	
Janitor's salary	260 00	
New books	481 86	
Magazines	42 55	
Fuel	395 03	
Light	34 98	
Water	6 65	
Insurance	155 31	
Building maintenance	632 16	
Miscellaneous	55 00	
Service charge (checking account)	1 06	
Returned to revenue	8 72	
Balance on hand December 31, 1947	251 78	
		$2,957 10

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD Y. SMITH, Treasurer.

CHARLES L. FLINT FUND

Harold Y. Smith, in account with Flint Public Library:

Charles L. Flint fund, principal	$5,000 00
Deposited in banks, December 31, 1947:	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	1,049 90
Danvers Savings Bank	1,291 81
Broadway " "	1,866 96
Essex " "	1,000 00
Salem " "	608 95

MARY ESTY EMERSON FUND

Harold Y. Smith, in account with Flint Public Library:

Mary Esty Emerson Fund, Principal	$2,500.00
Invested as follows:	
Cerena Apartment Building Bond (par value)	500 00
42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, office building bond, (par value)	2,000 00
Deposited in Danvers National Bank	732 04

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD Y. SMITH, Treasurer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1947

Flint Public Library has been open Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening during the year, with the exception of holidays, also one evening during the latter part of December because of a severe snow storm.

Deposits of books were sent to the Howe-Manning School for supplementary reading. The Division of Public Libraries has compiled lists of books for children in Grades 4 - 8 and the books which the library sends to the school are chosen from these lists. In this way, the children living a long distance from the library, and who cannot visit the library during its regular hours, have the privilege of enjoying good books. Many certificates were awarded at the end of the school year in June.

Magazines in the reading room were :

American Girl	Home Craftsman
American Home	Jack and Jill
American Magazine	Life
Better Homes and Gardens	McCall Art Needlework
Child Life	National Geographic
Everybody's Poultry	Nature Magazine
Farm Journal	Popular Mechanics
Good Housekeeping	Reader's Digest

Book Week came in November with a wealth of new and interesting books for children and young people. The display was in the balcony for one week and visited by many, both young and adult readers. A few new books for adults were exhibited at that time. Plants and flowers used in decoration were loaned by the Floriculture Department of Essex County Agricultural School.

Miss Charlotte M. Kinny, who has been the librarian's assistant for several years, was obliged to resign in February, because of an accident. She is greatly missed by the readers. Miss Caroline Knight has been chosen to fill the vacancy. Miss Knight is a teacher in the Richmond Junior High School of Danvers and is well known in this community as she is a life long resident.

In July, the librarian attended Librarian's Institute for one week at Simmon's College. Librarians from all parts of Massachusetts attend the Institute.

The librarian wishes to express her appreciation to the trustees for their kindness and cooperation during the year 1947.

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Volumes in the library January 1, 1947	8,951
Volumes added by purchase	350
Volumes added by gift	31
Volumes in the library January 1, 1948	9,332
Total circulation of books, year ending January 1, 1948	9,091
Total circulation of books, non fiction	2,413
Largest monthly circulation, May	873

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH E. CARLETON,

Librarian.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board of Selectmen submit for your approval, its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Meetings have been held each Tuesday evening in the Town Hall, the board meeting at 8.00 P. M. with the handling of all routine business every week.

We have found that we have had a very busy year with many citizens in attendance at each meeting.

As a licensing Board we have issued 88 licenses in the past year.

We have held two (2) special town meetings to conduct special business that has come up during the past year.

Two Band Concerts and a picnic for the children were held this year as usual with funds provided by the Mansfield Fund. This year we found that attendance at the picnic has increased to seven buses.

Action was taken to help the Board of Appeals and Building Inspector to conduct their work in a more efficient manner.

Acting as the Board of Health we have had very little business to transact the past year with our Agent, Mr. Chas. Pasquale handing all routine business.

At this time we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all members of Town Departments for their fine cooperation during the year of 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD, JR.,
JAMES H. COFFIN,

Selectmen of Middleton.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

MARRIAGE RECORD FOR 1947

Date	*Place of Marriage*	*Name of Bride and Groom*	*Residence*
Jan. 4	Middleton	John Rubchinuk Enid Louise Davis	Middleton Watertown
Jan. 11	Middleton	Perley W. Richardson Bessie G. Foss	Middleton Marblehead
Jan. 12	Middleton	James Knott Martin Ruth Lucille Lindley	Middleton Middleton
Jan. 19	Middleton	Robert Lindley Belben Carolyn Lois Demeritt	Danvers Middleton
Jan. 21	Middleton	Lynnwood Dykeman Slipp Virginia Thornton Bishop	Topsfield Middleton
Feb. 19	Nashua, N. H.	James Henry Lord Severince Emily Corneau	Middleton Middleton
Mar. 1	Middleton	Robert E. Lee Theodora A. Savard	Danvers Danvers
Mar. 9	Middleton	George Joseph Cassidy Louise M. Nelson	Danvers Middleton
Mar. 24	Middleton	Donald Ross Howard Marion Louise McDonald	Reading Middleton
Apr. 7	Danvers	Ernest Leonard Foss, Jr. Doris May Allen	Middleton Danvers
Apr. 12	Middleton	Daniel F. Shea Ferna I. Tobin	Danvers Danvers
May 3	Middleton	Francis A. Richardson Barbara Ann Bishop	Middleton Middleton
June 7	West Peabody	Edward F. LaFleur Dorothy Olive Parish	Middleton Salem
June 12	Middleton	Bronislaw S. Myslinski Mary A. Callahan	Salem Salem
June 14	Middleton	Robert S. Kennedy A. Eileen DeBlois Montford	Lynn Middleton

Date	*Place of Marriage*	*Name of Bride and Groom*	*Residence*
June 15	Peabody	Kerivin Wayne Hubley	Peabody
		Anna Victoria Klosowski	Middleton
June 15	Middleton	Roger Sydney Tucker	Melrose
		Marjorie Christine Poulson	Middleton
June 28	Danvers	Wilbur Beckard	Danvers
		Allison R. Roberts	Middleton
July 12	Middleton	John Saroka	Connecticut
		Grace L. Lafo	Connecticut
Aug. 1	Middleton	Roy P. Nay	Danvers S.H.
		Marie Ida Poirier	Danvers S.H.
Aug. 2	Middleton	Robert Franklin Kimball	Danvers
		Nancy Mae Wiley	Middleton
Aug. 17	Danvers	Norman D. Welch	Middleton
		Helen Dzierzek	Danvers
Aug. 29	Danvers	Leon Nelson Soper	Middleton
		Pauline P. H. Williams	Middleton
Aug. 31	Lawrence	John Muzichuck	Middleton
		Nellie Bleyniski	Methuen
Sept. 6	Middleton	Clarence O. Roberts	Middleton
		Charlotte M. Dole	Middleton
Sept. 6	Peabody	George H. Michalchuck	Peabody
		Mary M. Morose	Middleton
Sept. 7	Middleton	Charles Blain Osborne, Jr.	Topsfield
		Lucille Hood	Middleton
Sept. 16	Middleton	Victor Letusky	Peabody
		Georgianna Freetas	Salem
Sept. 20	Lynn	Joseph Picariello	Middleton
		Shirley G. Campbell	No. Reading
Sept. 20	Middleton	Willie Robert Gardner	Danvers
		Doris Marie Gagnor	Danvers

Date	*Place of Marriage*	*Name of Bride and Groom*	*Residence*
Sept. 27	Methuen	Nils Allen Wennerberg Edith Alice Dudley	Middleton Methuen
Oct. 19	No. Andover	Walter M. Steele, Jr. Marion S. Bamford	Middleton No. Andover
Oct. 26	Middleton	Manuel Sabino Ruth Flynn	Peabody Middleton
Nov. 1	Danvers	Robert Bradstreet Jordan Patricia Mary Collins	Topsfield Middleton
Nov. 9	Salem	Joseph A. Banville Patricia M. Donovan	Salem Middleton
Nov. 22	Newburyport	Lawrence K. Barthelemy, Jr. Elinor C. Champoux	Middleton Newburyp't
Nov. 27	Beverly	Edward Fred Andrews Deloris Frances Fortin	Middleton Beverly
Nov. 30	Salem	Lawrence Edw. Tinkham, Jr. Grace Marie St. Pierre	Middleton Salem
Dec. 20	Middleton	Michael Hubisz Shirley E. Barnes	Peabody Peabody

BIRTH RECORD FOR 1947

Date of Birth	*Name of Child*	*Name of Parents*
Jan. 10	Kenneth William Hocter	William J. Hocter Lorayne N. Campbell
Jan. 21	Godfrey	Robert Sidney Godfrey Geneva Bernadette Doucette
Jan. 31	Claudia Marie Inman	Charles H. Inman Lillian R. Crane
Feb. 4	Anda Gay Blanchard	William Melvin Blanchard Gayl Cloutman Gifford

Date of Birth	*Name of Child*	*Name of Parents*
Feb. 7	Jay Osgood Pelletier	Eugene J. Pelletier Doris A. Osgood
Feb. 19	Patricia Ann Joyce	Joseph V. Joyce, Jr. Hazel T. Graves
Mar. 2	Barbara Jean McKenney	Raymond Edwin McKenney Dorothy May Currier
Mar. 3	David Litwin	Joseph P. Litwin Louise M. Sobol
Mar. 9	Grace Mary London	Arnold B. London Dorothy T. Ogden
Mar. 11	Lola Hammond Sharrock	William Sharrock, Jr. Louise Hammond Hook
Mar. 13	Milton Ronald DeBarge, Jr.	Milton Ronald DeBarge Gladys M. Sawyer
Mar. 16	Foster	William H. Foster Wilma S. Teakles
Mar. 21	Maureen Sullivan	James A. Sullivan Glenna A. Roode
Apr. 6	Paul Francis Richardson	Benjamin K. Richardson Anne H Kiely
Apr. 8	Dean Richard Anderson	Osborne Anderson Eleanor Richard
Apr. 28	Rubchinuk	Peter Rubchinuk Olive M. Skinner
Apr. 30	Suzanne Marie LeBlanc	Eugene Joseph LeBlanc Rita Josephine LeBerge
May 2	Robert Pierce Howes	Frank R. Howes Clare M. Pierce
May 6	Richard Ernest Marshall	Richard J. Marshall Edna C. Walsh
May 8	Bernice Mae Munroe	James Edward Munroe Eleanor Bernice Hoezel
May 10	Stephanie Ross Seaver	Malcolm A. Seaver Marion E. Clinch

Date of Birth	*Name of Child*	*Name of Parents*
May 12	Vicki Lynn Sutherland	Harvey S. Sutherland Dawn P. Evans
May 12	Carol Ann DeCosta	Charles Francis DeCosta Evelyn Cecelia Oliver
May 19	Wilbur Churchill Rundlett, 3rd	Wilbur Churchill Rundlett Hannah J. Martin
May 19	Gallant	Philip Joseph Gallant Lucianne Theresa Fraser
May 22	William Basil Hills	Robert B. Hills Mary E. Kent
May 24	Sandra Catherine Lee	Gardner C. Lee Mary Hennessey
May 26	Richard Alan Rooney	William F. Rooney Barbara Adams
May 29	Robert Arthur Podgaysky	Gallary V. Podgaysky Callie S. Onize
May 29	Catherine Endicott Tyler	Harold Endicott Tyler Laura Roberts
June 5	Kathryn Judith Galeucia	Elliot S. Galeucia Martha W. Barrowclough
June 12	Anthony Charles Gregory	Joseph Gregory Cecilely Rose Berry
June 15	Joseph Thomas Lee, Jr.	Joseph Thomas Lee Mary E. Meagher
June 26	Jeanne Rubchinuk	John Rubchinuk Enid L. Davis
July 4	Robert Domenic Gabrielli	Americo Gabrielli Laura B. Gabriel
July 9	James Donald MacKinnon, Jr.	James Donald MacKinnon Mae Louise Clark
July 10	Susan Jane Smith	Leonard Preston Smith Elizabeth Celia Emre
July 18	Rita Elaine Fuller	Robert Perkins Fuller Arline Marian Turney

Date of Birth	*Name of Child*	*Name of Parents*
July 26	Sandra Ann Dukeshire	Richard W. Dukeshire Myrtle Boodro
Aug. 13	Joseph Charles Denno.	Raymond Maxim Denno Goldie Pearl Ogden
Sept. 1	Henry Daniel Bullerwell	Daniel P. Bullerwell Barbara Burgess
Sept. 17	Barbara Louise Roberts	Raymond Rodney Roberts Isabelle Elizabeth Letusky
Sept. 24	Frazier	Ernest Edward Frazier Elizabeth Trask Paige
Sept. 25	Raymond Norman Colby, Jr.	Raymond Norman Colby Jeanette H. Saulnier
Sept. 27	Sharron Ann Plattner	Edward M. Plattner Betty J. Helsel
Sept. 29	Henry Michalski, Jr.	Henry Michalski Eleanor Jean Saulnier
Oct. 14	Charlene Ann White	William E. White Verna M. C. Rawson
Dec. 9	Linda Dianne Osborne	Seymer W. Osborne Mildred J. Currier
Dec. 13	Marguerite Crystal LeVesque	Ledger M. LeVesque Dorothy E. Spead
Dec. 15	John Edward Stevens	Oren T. B. J. Stevens Catherine E. Campion
Dec. 20	Maurice Joseph Cassidy	George J. Cassidy Louise Nelson

RECORD OF RESIDENT DEATHS, 1947

Date	*Name of Deceased*	*Years*	*Months*	*Days*
Feb. 21	Elias Johnson	86	—	—
Mar. 3	Annie (Martin) Wendell	79	8	23
Mar. 9	Edwin F. McKenney	74	—	—
Mar. 17	Antonios Patrinos	61	9	25

Date	*Name of Deceased*	*Years*	*Months*	*Days*
Apr. 24	Marion Eastman Mitchell	56	1	27
May 10	Harriet Dora Chase	47	8	12
May 16	Abbie (Merrill) Ruggles	61	—	—
May 21	Louis V. Moreau	45	7	17
June 22	Emily Morse	89	—	—
July 1	Patricia Ann Baker	—	18	—
July 9	Austin C Peabody, Jr.	57	—	—
July 24	Roland H. Peabody	64	2	8
July 26	Marjorie Rose Baker	4	—	6
Aug. 8	Ruth E. Soper	95	1	14
Aug. 11	Mary Ellen Kelley	74	—	—
Aug. 12	Edward P. McDonald	79	—	3
Aug. 19	Mark Noel Thomas	58	5	10
Aug. 25	Effie Halliday	53	8	4
Sept. 5	Charles Raymond Walsh	39	2	2
Sept. 28	Hazel C. Nash	43	11	—
Oct. 3	Maude Lewis	73	—	—
Oct. 20	Elloise E. Ludwig	87	—	—
	Non-Resident Deaths	83		

Any errors or omissions in Births, Marriages or Deaths should be promptly noted and reported to the Town Clerk.

DOG TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1947

198 Male dogs	at $2.00	$396.00
31 Female dogs	at 5.00	155.00
39 Spayed dogs	at 2.00	78.00
8 Kennel licenses	at 10.00	80.00
1 Kennel license	at 25.00	25.00
		$734.00
	Fees deducted	55.40
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$678.60

LICENSES ISSUED FOR 1947

45	Resident	citizen's	Fishing
100	"	"	Hunting
57	"	"	Sporting
37	"	"	Women's and Minor
4	"	"	Trapping
2	"	"	Minor's Trapping
4	"	"	Sporting (Military)
5	"	"	Sporting (70 years or over)
1	"	"	Fishing (old age assistance)

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER P. MORRILL,

Town Clerk.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen:

Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Permits issued	72
Jobs completed	56
Not completed to date	17
Buildings condemned	1
Buildings moved	5
Public hearings held	4
Calls made for inspection	321
Mileage covered	584 miles
Amount collected in fees	$166.00

In the past few years the State Public Safety laws have been so revised that many of the duties formerly carried out by the State Inspectors are now the responsibility of the local Building Inspector, therefore increasing his duties considerably.

These laws include the certification of and the enforcement of laws relating to places of public assembly, except churches, schools, and theaters. Also mercantile and commercial establishments employing ten (10) or more persons.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and Board of Appeals, as well as the general public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL F. JONES,

Building Inspector.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The increased cost of labor and material in all business enterprises has greatly increased the operating costs of this department and made it necessary to limit new construction and maintenance to only the most necessary projects.

The following tabulation of data, year by year for 19 years, since this Department has been under the control of the Board of Commissioners and the present manager, may be of interest.

Voltage regulators installed at the sub-station prevent flucuation in voltage and a new high voltage line direct from Melrose, by way of Lynnfield and North Reading gives us two entirely separate sources of supply and will prevent interruption of service.

Street lights are in stock to replace many that are broken or damaged beyond repair. Eighteen fixtures are known to have been broken by boys, using them as a target for stone throwing. Replacement will cost approximately $700.00.

A check of domestic rates in the 148 cities and towns in Massachusetts of 2,500 inhabitants and over show that the average cost of 100 KWH is $4.54 as against $4.70 or 3½% higher in Middleton than the average rate, where there are many more customers per square mile, with a correspondingly lower delivery cost. As an example of this; in a nearby town, one transformer serves an average of 14 customers, while in this department we can only average 4 customers from each transformer. This means that our transformer cost is $21.00 as against $10.00 per KWH in more thickly settled areas.

The Department has returned to the town $127.06 more than has been appropriated and raised by taxation, and has been entirely paid for, from earnings of the department.

A new schedule of rates on a demand basis has been adopted, following the established practice in other departments, of a higher rate to consumers who derive a profit from KWH use in business or manufacturing.

It has been the policy of the department to lower rates as surplus earnings permitted and this policy will be followed when a return to normal conditions permit.

Respectfully submitted,

GUS L. FISCHER, Chairman
CHARLES G. BATES, Clerk
RICHARD B. FLOYD

Year	Customers	KW Bought	Miles of Lines	Plant Invest.	Oper. Exp.	50KW	100KW	Returned to town
1929	280	219772	16.06	14961.56	10025.54	$4.50	$7.50	
1930	360	489375	18.75	22695.53	18426.88	4.50	7.50	
1931	376	571087	19.25	22520.21	21100.66	4.50	7.50	
1932	381	601900	20.25	22664.01	23350.22	4.50	7.50	
1933	372	638023	20.75	23999.95	21718.63	4.50	7.50	
1934	374	663914	20.75	25779.10	22456.95	4.25	7.25	
1935	400	714514	21.50	28344.76	26205.22	4.25	7.25	
1936	428	777821	22.25	29137.59	28307.99	3.61	6.11	
1937	442	815002	25.75	31030.62	25846.56	3.61	6.11	
1938	493	891475	27.50	33015.50	28739.80	3.61	6.11	$750.00
1939	507	1028739	29.00	34945.89	31595.01	3.61	6.11	
1940	553	980912	29.25	36550.16	30575.71	3.61	6,11	
1941	539	1291300	30.00	37800.68	35750.69	3.40	5.30	1,500.00
1942	550	1450597	30.25	35302.21	42456.29	3.40	5.30	1,500.00
1943	558	1738057	30.25	36373.22	48042.80	3.40	5.30	2,000.00
1944	577	1902858	30.35	36379.22	49418.47	3.40	5.30	5,000.00
1945	614	2183021	30.35	41258.64	51811.51	3.20	4.70	
1946	686	2335102	31.85	43673.83	57237.74	3.20	4.70	
1947	728	2270800	32.85	52185.49	57256.37	3.20	4.70	2,500.00

1929 to 1947—37.3% reduction in cost to customers.

1929 to 1947—Returned to town for reduction of taxes	$13,250.00
1929 to 1947—Town appropriated for construction	10,040.78
Credit	$3,209.22

Amount of business increase—11 times

Amount of cost increase—6 times

POLICE REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1947.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief—Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.

Patrolmen—Lloyd H. Getchell, Richard A. Hains, Joseph Peters, G. Philip Webber.

Regular Special—Alexander Fraser, James W. Wentworth.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE:

Assault and battery	5
Allowing improper person operate Motor Vehicle	2
Breaking and entering	6
Carrying a dangerous weapon	1
Collecting junk without a license	2
Disturbing the peace	4
Drunkenness	54
Larceny	11
Lewdness	2
Non-support	2
Not having periodic sticker on Motor Vehicle	1
Not stopping at stop signs	8
Operating Motor Vehicle under the influence	13
Operating Motor Vehicle without a license	5
Operating Motor Vehicle without a registration	1
Operating Motor Vehicle without insurance	1
Operating Motor Vehicle so as to endanger	5
Speeding	10
Violation of probation	1
Leaving the scene of an accident after causing personal injuries	1
	Total 135

DISPOSITIONS:

Discharged—Not guilty	4
Guilty—Filed	15
Guilty—Fined	63
Released	32
Restitution	2
No disposition	2
Placed on probation	12
Sentenced to House of Correction, Salem	2
Sentenced to House of Correction, Sherbon	1
Sentenced to House of Correction, Shirley	2
	Total 135

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ambulance and cruiser cases	50
Automobile accidents investigated	48
Dogs killed by automobiles	40
Children taken home from school for various reasons	56
Committed to the Danvers State Hospital	2
Complaints received and investigated	628
Emergency calls delivered	136
Escaped patients returned to Danvers State Hospital	8
Hours in Court	284
Missing and lost persons	21
Motor vehicle transfers	71
Miscellaneous investigations	134
Summons and warrants served	85
Firearms, purchase permits	2
Firearms, permits	42
Telephone calls received	1687
Fire alarms answered	45
Death—accidental shooting	1

Injured—accidental shooting	2
Motor Vehicle violations handled through the Registry	71
Turned over to Town Treasurer for firearms permits	$21.00

The past year has been a very busy one for the members of the department and all have been required to work many hours for which no compensation was provided. This work has been done willingly and cheerfully by the officers, for which I am deeply grateful.

I wish to extend my deep appreciation for the co-operation shown me by the Board of Selectmen. I also wish to thank the heads of the various departments as well as the general public for the many kindnesses shown me during the year 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.,
Chief of Police.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Middleton, Mass.
January 12, 1948

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

The following is my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for 1947.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Platform under 5000	6	24	2	1
Counter over 100	1	3	—	—
Counter under 100	9	25	1	—
Spring under 100	7	9	—	—
Computing	2	3	—	1
Prescription	—	1	—	—
Weights				
Avoirdupois	17	93	5	2
Capacity Measures				
Grèase pumps	—	3	1	—
Liquid	—	3	—	—
Gasoline pumps	—	24	2	—

Total cash received $32.58

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1947 Tax Rate:

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town appropriation	$146,784 00	
State tax—1947	1,750 00	
State parks and reservations—1947	140 72	
State parks and reservations—1946 (Underestimate)	52 77	
County tax	5,069 65	
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	2,054 95	
1947 Overlay	1,547 28	
Total appropriation		$157,399 37

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Income tax	$7,000 43	
Corporation taxes	7,000 60	
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	842 85	
Gasoline tax under Acts of 1946, Chapter 588	2,863 20	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	3,500 00	
Licenses	2,000 00	
General government	950 00	
Health and sanitation	1,000 00	
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children)	1,000 00	
Old age assistance (other than federal grants)	10,000 00	
Old age tax (meals) Gen. Laws, (Chap. 64B S10)	850 00	
Schools	10,000 00	
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	400 00	
Interest on taxes and assessments	250 00	
Transfers voted by Town	29,299 00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		$76,956 08
Gross amount to be raised		157,399 37
Total estimated receipts and available funds		76,956 08
		$80,443 29

Net amount raised by taxation on personal property	5,453 82
" " " " " " real estate	73,602 47
Number of polls assessed, 691 at $2.00 each	1,382 00
	$80,443 29

TOTAL VALUATION:

Personal property	$151,634 00
Real estate	2,044,513 00
1947 Tax rate	36 00

Your Board of Assessors has endeavored to give you a modern Assessing Department or at least as near as possible on a part-time basis. New legislation, changing values and cost of municipal government increasing every day, has presented a very serious problem. However, we are endeavoring to do the best we can under these conditions. Trusting that you will bear with us, we will try to make our decisions in your best interest and are always willing to discuss your problems with you.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD L. JONES,
PAUL B. WAKE, SR.,
HAROLD M. BISHOP,

Board of Assessors.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Year of Tax	Balance Jan. 1, 1947	1947 Commitment	Cash Collected	Interest Collected	Fees Collected	Abate-ments	Refunds	Tax Titles	Balance Dec. 31, '47
Real Estate	1946	$8,801 31	—	$ 8,520 16	$209 65	$ 2 00	$190 44	$ 44 10	$ 134 81	—
	1947	—	$73,602 47	64,963 84	11 73	—	791 46	72 00	587 66	$7,259 51
Excise	1946	268 79	—	247 03	1 97	—	21 76	—	—	—
	1947	—	4,904 13	4,475 45	5 81	—	44 33	28 92	—	384 35
Poll	1946	58 00	—	52 00*	72	8 75	6 00	—	—	—
	1947	—	1,390 00	2 00* 1,028 00	31	21 35	294 00	12 00	—	68 00
Personal Property	1946	186 84	—	186 84	4 37	—	—	—	—	—
	1947	—	5,458 82	5,307 80	22 82	—	—	—	—	151 02

* Refund under Chapter 59, Section 5, returned for credit.

COMPARISON

1945–1947

	Commitment (1945)	Commitment (1947)	Increase in Amount of Commitment
Real Estate Tax	$59,454.90	$73,602.47	$14,147.57
Excise Tax	1,967.98	4,904.13	2,936.15
Poll Tax	1,318.00	1,390.00	72.00
Per. Property Tax	4,113.87	5,458.82	1,344.95
Total	$66,854.75	$85,355.42	$18,500.67

	Amount Collected (1945)	Amount Collected (1947)	Increase in Amount Collected
Real Estate Taxes	$58,446.18	$73,707.38	$15,261.20
Excise Taxes	1,898.29	4,730.26	2,831.97
Poll Taxes	988.40	1,113.13	124.73
Per. Property Taxes	3,994.03	5,521.83	1,527.80
Total	$65,326.90	$85,072.60	$19,745.70

As shown in the above comparison, the total increase in the amount of tax commitments over a two year period has been $18,500.67 with a corresponding increase in actual cash collected of $19,745.70. The total increase in the number of accounts during the same period has been 338.

Special attention is directed to Chapter 522, of the Acts of 1947, which changes the due date on Real Estate Taxes. The law provides that beginning with the taxes assessed as of January 1, 1948, Real Estate Taxes will become due in their entirety on July 1 of each year. There has been no change in the interest clause.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. TYLER, Tax Collector.

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Complaints investigated	95
Reports of dog bite	13
Dogs restrained	13
Poultry killed by dogs	24
Lost dogs returned to rightful owners	33
Stray dogs disposed of	22
Dogs killed by automobiles	40
Dog taxes collected and turned over to Town Clerk	$130.00

In closing I wish to thank the Selectmen and all dog owners for their cooperation and assistance during the year 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.
Dog Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the
Citizens of Middleton

The great loss caused by the untimely passing of our loyal and much beloved co-worker, Roland Peabody, will long be felt by all who have been associated with him over the years.

My appreciation goes to the Selectmen and the many other officials and townspeople whose co-operation made it easier to get the work of the Department done.

For the good job accomplished by the men of the department, despite conditions that have seemed more difficult than has been usual, I am especially grateful.

It was through the co-operation of the Selectmen and the Police that an arrangement was made with the gravel pit operators using River St., whereby the cost of maintaining this road, while they were using it, was taken care of by the operators themselves. This served to relieve the highway fund of that particular burden so that other streets of the town could benefit.

The department has added a new piece of equipment, namely, a box type sander, for use in covering asphalt and tar during road resurfacing operations. With the aid of this machine, it was possible to cover 18,750 gallons of asphalt in 56 hours, and the job was accomplished with at least one-third less sand and one-third fewer man hours.

It would have been possible to increase the road resurfacing work by about 5000 gallons more asphalt if it had not been necessary to divert approximately $1000 of these funds in order to bring up to date the uncompleted chapter 90 drainage work left on Essex St.

The nine year old tractor with its 7 foot 6 inch V-shape plow has not proven equal to the job of keeping the outlying roads properly opened this winter. The use of a truck plow following behind this tractor plow is not practical. The need is for a V-shape plow 9 feet—6 inches wide, together with a tractor of sufficient power to handle such a plow. Any truck plow could follow through behind such equipment.

For speedier and better snow clearance in the outlying roads, the purchase of this much needed equipment is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ROSS
Highway Surveyor

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Middleton

Fire Dept., Report for 1947

During the past year the Fire Dept. answered 76 Alarms; including out of Town calls to Danvers, North Reading, Andover, and North Andover.

Improvements have been made to the Fire Alarm system and the Town is now divided into 5 sections with phantom boxes throughout, and one regular box outside the Fire Station. Calls are now received at the Homes of the Chief, Deputy Chief and the Eventide Rest home.

I wish to thank the Board of Fire Engineers for their cooperation, and to commend my officers and men for their loyalty and work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER P. MORRILL
Chief

FORESTRY AND MOTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Middleton

I submit my report of the forrestry and moth department for the year of 1947.

During the year the department did the following work on trees.

Removed 2 trees on Boston St.
Removed 1 tree on Maple St.
Removed 1 tree on Library lawn
Removed 1 tree on No. Main St.
Took deadwood out of trees on No. Main St.
Scarved out cavities and painted with tree heeling paint
Took deadwood out of trees part way on Maple St.
Took necessary dead wood out of trees on Lake St.
With the help of the Electric Light Dept. I was able to move a large rock maple on No. Main St.

The wind storm in November did quite a lot of damage to the trees in the town. I was not able to take care of this damage immediately. The finance committee allowed me $150.00 in December to take care of the worst part of the damage.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH PICARIELLO

MOTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

Painted Gypsy Moth clusters with creosote on both sides of Boston St. 150 ft. in. The same was done on the following streets: River St., Forrest St., Green St., Lake St., Liberty St., Essex St.

On the following streets we did not do any specific number of feet off the road: No. Main St., Maple St., So. Main St., Haswell Pk., Peabody St., East St., School St., King St., Mt. Vernon St., Pleasant St., Lakeview Ave., Hilldale Ave.

The preceding streets have also been sprayed with a 4½% mixture of DDT.

I got the State Moth Dept. to give me DDT in powder form in return for some arsenate of lead in powder form.

There was such an infested area on Boston and River Streets, I felt that I couldn't check the Gypsy and the Tent caterpillars with the town's hydraulic spray unit, so I hired a blower type unit for $100.00 to spray River and Boston Streets. It was a great benefit to the town because we haven't been bothered with those insects in that locality. The blower type unit throws a spray of 250 ft. or better whereas the town's only throws a spray of 100 ft. and not in a mist form as the blower type does.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PICARIELLO

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The board submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Meetings have been held regularly the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month. Special meetings were frequently called to take care of the additional work on Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children falling to the Board through the loss of our Agent Mr. A. C. Peabody early in July.

We wish to call special attention to our 1947 appropriation of $4500.00 which was very high. Approximately $4400.00 of this was spent on General Relief cases. We expect to recover a little over $2900.00 from Outside Towns and State Settlements, which will go into the Town's Treasury department. The amount returned does not go into the Public Welfare funds.

GENERAL RELIEF

Total number of cases handled were 15, which were divided as listed below.

Unsettled (State) — 4 Cases — 17 Persons
Settlement in Outside Cities and Towns — 5 Cases — 14 Persons
Settlement in Middleton — 6 Cases — 12 Persons

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Total (there are no settlements) — 3 Cases

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Total number of cases handled were 60, which were divided as listed below. Each case represents one person.

Unsettled (State) — 12 Cases
Settlement in Outside Cities and Towns — 9 Cases
Settlement in Middleton — 32 Cases
Settlement in Middleton living in Outside Cities and Towns — 7 Cases

The Department of Public Welfare wishes to take this opportunity to thank the various Town Departments and other Organizations for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
LESLIE E. MERRIFIELD, Chairman
WILBUR C. RUNDLETT
ALEXANDER FRASER

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen
Mr. Clarence Osgood, Chairman
Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Report of Committee on Remodeling Old School Building

Progress on the remodeling of the Old School Building has been much slower than was originally anticipated. The committee ran into many obstacles that contributed to this delay. The job was too small to attract the interest of architects, materials were scarce and hard to get, the contractors shied away from this type of job due to the large quantity of new construction which was more profitable to them. Some estimates were received for the cost of plans and specifications but the cost of these plans were excessive beyond any question of doubt. Engineers, carpenters, masons, etc., were contacted for estimates for some of the work, but even these interested parties could not promise when progress could start due to weather conditions and shortages of materials.

The repair work needed to preserve the structure in the best interests of the town has been accomplished. This work included needed roof repairs to all southern exposures on the main building and to the flat deck on the addition. All windows, frames and such other members of the building that required attention have been reconditioned or replaced throughout the building, so that the building is now tight. The repairs that have been made are of a permanent nature.

The committee has formulated a general scheme of reconstruction necessary and is now waiting for plans and specifications which are required by law before contracts can be awarded.

The committee has not progressed with as much speed as anticipated but it would now appear that these enforced delays might well work to the advantage of the town. There is substantial reason to believe that before the next heating season arrives the work should be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. MASSE
H. Y. SMITH
W. G. BIRCH
C. S. CLINCH JR.
E. O. CAMPBELL JR.

Report of the Finance Committee For the Town of Middleton

Upon the Warrant

For the Annual Meeting to be held March 9, 1948

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON:

Your Finance Committee herewith submits its report and recommendations for the year 1948. Each item has been investigated and received our serious consideration. The requests for appropriations are up over 1947, but our discussions with the heads of departments indicate that in almost every case there is a sincere effort on their part not to increase expenses.

The total of all articles in the Warrant, if passed as requested, will increase your tax rate approximately $12.00. The requested appropriations for 1948 are $25,000.00 more than the voted appropriations for 1947, which were $146,784.00.

If ever there was need for judgment, economy, and efficiency, it is—Now. You as taxpayers pay for and receive the kind of service you want. If you want greater services and are willing to pay for them, there is no reason you should not have them, but you as a group of voters must decide. You must do more than decide at home; you must go to Town Meeting and express the opinion that by law is your privilege and your duty.

The money we vote to raise and appropriate in Town Meeting must be assessed against real estate. And like it or not, your Finance Committee is obliged to consider this fact when we are asked to recommend to you what appropriations we think should be made to meet the expense of running the town for the year.

We have recommended only such departmental expenditures as seem necessary to maintain the essential functions on approximately the same basis for 1948 as was done in 1947.

The recommendations on the Articles in the Warrant have been made with the same point in mind.

Even if all the recommendations of your Finance Committee are adopted, it is difficult for us to see how an increase in your tax rate can be avoided.

We have not recommended any transfers from the Surplus Revenue Account (commonly referred to as the Excess and Deficiency Account). We definitely feel that this account should be built up to a figure which will be of real value to the taxpayers in more difficult times, when it can be used as a cushion to prevent extremely high taxes when surplus revenue may be reduced simultaneously with an increase in Welfare costs.

Your committee believes that all citizens of the town should understand and follow closely Town Appropriations and Expenditures throughout the year as well as at Town Meeting. The amounts that you vote to expend in Town Meeting March 9, will determine what your 1948 tax rate will be. Whether as town employees and officers or as just plain citizens you agree with our recommendations or not, it is your duty to go to Town Meeting and vote on these questions one way or another. If you do not do that, you have no just cause for criticizing the outcome, whatever it may be.

Specifically; we have made no change in our recommendations for the Police Department because the citizens of the town made known their wishes at a Special Town Meeting in the Summer. The Police Budget permits for the continuation of this system.

The article calling for the "Purchase of a Tractor" has been thoroughly discussed with the Board of Selectmen and they agree with us, that the acquisition of one is advisable at this time.

The rest of this report we believe is self-explanatory, but as a guide in your voting at the meetin,g we recommend that you bear in mind the fact that every $2,000.00 you spend represents approximately $1.00 on your tax rate.

ARTICLE I. To authorize the Selectmen to appoint such other Town Officers as are required to be chosen annually.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE I. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Recommended.

ARTICLE IV. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year.

Our recommendations are set forth in schedule A, page 97.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they, in their best judgment, feel is warranted, and is approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.

Recommended.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $4,800.00 for Chapter 81—highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,750.00 for Chapter 90—Highway Construction on Essex Street or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,000.00 for Chapter 90—Maintenance, to be used with any money which may be allotted by the State or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended.

ARTICLE IX. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to temporarily increase the salary of the Highway Surveyor by the sum of $20.00 each week during the fiscal year, because of increased cost of living. This increase to be paid from available Highway Funds. (Present salary $40.00)

Recommend the Highway Surveyor be paid $2,400.00 per year. This sum to be taken from the various Highway Appropriations.

ARTICLE X. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to permit all regular employees of the Highway Department to be paid for eight holidays together with a vacation of one week each year.

Recommended.

ARTICLE XI. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will establish the rate of compensation for Town laborers at 99 cents per hour.

Recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee of 5 citizens to study the classification of wage rates and report at the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE XII. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a tractor together with a Bulldozer Blade and a 9 ft. 6 in. V Plow and Snow Scoop, and appropriate the sum of $9,000.00, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Recommend that $3,000.00 be raised against the Tax Levy this year and the remaining $6,000.00 to be paid bytaking out Notes for $2,000.00 each for the following 3 years.

ARTICLE XIII. On petition of Sophie Murray and forty-five others, to see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the school committee from three to five members in accordance with the provisions of General Laws (ter. ed.) Chapter 41, Section 2, and amendments thereto.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE XIV. On petition of James W. Peart and thirty-eight others, to see if the Town will vote to have the street lights extended from Lake St. to the No. Reading line on Forest Street.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Mill Street, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Recommend the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated. This sum to be added to such funds as are available under Chapter 81—Maintenance, for the work on Mill Street.

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $150.00 to be used to bring the Town By-Laws up to date and have them printed.

Recommended.

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding thereto, under Chapter 3, Section 3, the following sub section; To instruct the Finance Committee to segregate the appropriation for money recommended by it for the use of the various departments of the town into such items, as in the judgment of the Finance Committee, may be necessary or desirable.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will vote to refund to Merton Punchard the sum of $33.00 paid by him to the Town for the purchase of Lots 236-237-238 in Riverview and for which the Town was unable to give a legal title; and also to reimburse said Merton Punchard in the sum of $2.16 representing taxes paid by him on said lots for the year 1946 and appropriate a sum of money therefor agreeable to the petition of the Treasurer.

Recommended.

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $350.00 to settle land takings on Essex Street.

Recommended.

ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the dog tax amounting to $552.84, to the Library Fund.

Recommended.

ARTICLE XXI. To see what action the Town will take in regard to transferring all, or any part, of the Overlay Reserve to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. "In accordance with Section 25 of Chapter 59, General Laws."

Recommend $2,000.00 be so transferred.

Schedule A

Recommendations Under Article 4

Item No.	1947 Expenditures	1948 Department Estimates		1948 Recommendations
			GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
1	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	Moderator	$ 50.00
			FINANCE COMMITTEE	
2	00.00	10.00	Expenses	10.00
			SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT	
3	750.00	750.00	Salaries	750.00
4	250.80	300.00	Expenses	300.00
			ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT	
5	700.00	700.00	Salary	700.00
6	51.15	50.00	Expenses	50.00
			TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT	
7	700.00	900.00	Salary	700.00
8	515.00	275.00	Expenses	275.00
9	300.00	500.00	Tax Title expenses	500.00
			COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT	
10	700.00	700.00	Salary	700.00
11	242.04	385.00	Expenses	385.00
			ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT	
12	1,500.00	1,500.00	Salaries	1,500.00
13	360.90	400.00	Expenses	400.00
			LAW DEPARTMENT	
14	300.00	300.00	Salary	300.00
15	62.00	50.00	Expenses	50.00
			TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT	
16	400.00	400.00	Salary	400.00
17	36.48	128.00	Expenses	128.00
			ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION	
18	100.00	100.00	Salaries	100.00
19	130.31	500.00	Expenses	500.00
			PLANNING BOARD	
20	00.00	00.00	Expenses	00.00
			MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	
			TOWN HALL	
21	730.00	730.00	Salaries & Wages	730.00
22	704.53	800.00	Expenses	800.00
			OLD SCHOOL	
23	00.00	00.00	Salaries & Wages	00.00
24	00.00	150.00	Expenses	150.00
	$8,583.21	$9,678.00	Total—Gen. Government	$9,478.00

Item No.	1947 Expenditures	1948 Department Estimates		1948 Recommendations
			PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	
			POLICE DEPARTMENT	
25	$3,604.76	$3,550.00	Salaries & Wages	$3,550.00
26	789.84	950.00	Expenses	950.00
27	35.00	35.00	Constable's Salary	35.00
			FIRE DEPARTMENT	
28	475.00	475.00	Salaries	475.00
29	4,860.37	3,000.00	Expenses	3,000.00
30	00.00	470.00	Fire Hose	470.00
			BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPT.	
31	00.00	200.00	Salary	200.00
32	00.00	50.00	Expenses	50.00
			SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEARURES	
33	125.00	125.00	Salary	125.00
34	00.00	50.00	Expenses	50.00
			FORESTRY	
35	1,051.86	1,400.00	Moth—Expenses	1,200.00
36	649.95	2,000.00	Tree Warden—Expenses	750.00
37	00.00	00.00	New Trees—Expenses	150.00
	$11,591.78	$12,305.00	Total—Protection of Persons & Property	$11,005.00
			HEALTH AND SANITATION	
38	1,597.24	1,400.00	Board of Health—Expenses	1,400.00
39	2,054.95	1,801.80	Essex Sanatorium—Expenses	1,801.80
40	500.00	500.00	Dental Clinic—Expenses	500.00
41	100.00	100.00	Insp. of Slaughtering—Salary	100.00
42	200.00	200.00	Insp. of Cattle—Salary	200.00
	$4,452.19	$4,001.80	Total—Health & Sanitation	$4,001.80
			HIGHWAYS	
43	3,506.10	2,700.00	Road Machinery Account—(Transfer from Road Mach., Fund)	2,700.00
44	1,823.80	3,500.00	Highway Fund	1,500.00
45	4,800.00	4,800.00	Chapter (81) Maintenance	See Art. 6
46	2,463.06	1,750.00	Chapter (90) Construction	See Art. 7
47	1,100.00	1,000.00	Chapter (90) Maintenance	See Art. 8
48	10,200.00	13,000.00	Snow	13,000.00
49	0,000.00	1,195.52	Snow (Unpaid Bill—1947)	1,195.52
50	2,500.00	2,500.00	Street Lighting (Energy & Supplies)	2,500.00
51	498.63	00.00	Highway (Special)	00.00
	$28,891.59	$30,445.52	Total—Highway	$28,445.52

Item No.	1947 Expenditures	1948 Department Estimates		1948 Recommendations
			CHARITIES	
			PUBLIC WELFARE	
52	$ 325.00	$ 325.00	Salary & Wages	$ 325.00
53	4,398.36	4,500.00	Expenses	4,500.00
			AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	
54	50.00	50.00	Salaries & Wages	50.00
55	2,675.00	3,500.00	Expenses	3,500.00
			OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	
56	500.00	500.00	Salaries & Wages	500.00
57	18,700.00	22,000.00	Expenses	22,000.00
	$26,648.36	$30,375.00	Total—Charities	$30,375.00
			VETERANS' SERVICES	
			VETERANS' AGENT	
58	250.00	250.00	Salary	250.00
59	00.00	50.00	Expenses	50.00
60	1,186.95	2,000.00	SOLDIERS' RELIEF—Expenses	2,000.00
	$1,436.95	$2,300.00	Total—Veterans' Services	$2,300.00
			EDUCATION	
			SCHOOL	
61	25,492.83	28,614.00	Salaries & Wages	28,614.00
62	22,025.65	25,794.00	Expenses	25,794.00
			VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	
63	188.95	250.00	Expenses	250.00
			LIBRARY	
64	(*see* Lib. Rpt.)	1,000.00	Salaries & Wages	1,000.00
65	(2,024.00)	1,000.00	Expenses & Dog Tax $552.84	1,552.84
	$49,731.43	$56,658.00	Total—Education	$57,218.84
			RECREATION	
			PARK	
66	442.40	625.00	Maintenance	625.00
	$442.40	$625.00	Total—Recreation	$625.00
			INTEREST & INSURANCE	
67	497.33	440.00	Interest	440.00
68	1,825.03	1,205.00	Insurance	1,205.00
	$2,322.36	$1,645.00	Total—Interest & Insurance	$1,645.00

Item No.	1947 Expenditures	1948 Department Estimates		1948 Recommendations
69	$ 590.65	$ 000.00	Contingent Fund	$ 000.00
70	621.55	000.00	Old School Alterations	000.00
71	000.00	1,474.30	Retirement Fund	1,474.30
72	330.93	375.00	Memorial Day	375.00
73	529.38	2,000.00	Reserve Fund	(*see* Art. 21)
			To be transfered from Overlay Reserve	2,000.00
74	380.90	425.00	Printing Town Reports	425.00
	$2,072.51	$4,274.30	Total—Unclassified	$4,274.30
			PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES	
			ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT	
75	3,349.25	4,200.00	Salary & Wages (Mgr.-Clk.)	4,200.00
76	150.00	300.00	Salaries (Commissioners to be $100.00 each)	300.00
77	9,268.70	11,500.00	Wages (Distrib. & Maint., Constr. & Street Lights).	11,500.00
78	54,316.00	48,000.00	Expenses, Energy (Maint. & Construction)	48,000.00
79	2,366.77	2,541.20	Expenses (Depreciation Fund)	2,541.20
	$69,450.72	$66,541.20	To be taken from Earnings of Dept.	$66,541.20
			TOWN SCALES	
80	42.20	50.00	Salary	50.00
81	00.00	50.00	Expenses	50.00
	$69,492.92	$66,641.20	Total—Pub. Serv. Enterprises	$66,641.20
			CEMETERIES	
			CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	
82	30.00	30.00	Salaries (Supt. of Burials)	30.00
83	60.00	60.00	Salaries (Comminoners)	60.00
84	1,446.81	1,900.00	Expenses (Maintenance)	1,600.00
85	467.77	400.00	Expenses Opening Graves	400.00
86	270.00	400.00	(To be transfered from Lots & Graves Fund, Equipment & Asphalt)	400.00
	$2,274.58	$2,790.00	Total—Cemeteries	$2,090.00
			MUNITIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	
87	3,000.00	2,000.00	School Construction Notes	2,000.00
88	00.00	2,000.00	Old School Alterations Notes	2,000.00
	$3,000.00	$4,000.00	Total—Municipal Indebt.	$4,000.00
	$211,320.18 Total Spent	$225,738.82 Total Estimates		$222,099.66 Total Recommendation

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

Superintendent of Schools

AND

Yearly Statistics

OF THE

Grammar School

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1947

SCHOOL REPORT

School Committee

DR. RAYMOND SILVERNAIL, Chairman Term Expires 1948
MRS. ALICE K. CASS, Secretary Term Expires 1950
MRS. ROSAMOND BASTABLE Term Expires 1949

Supt. of Schools, STEPHEN G. BEAN, Wilmington, Mass.
School Physician, LOIS ROGERS, M. D. Topsfield, Mass.
School Nurse, MRS. LEONARD WILLEY, R. N.
MRS. RICHARD LEAVITT
Attendance Officer, MR. WILBUR RUNDLETT

TEACHING CORPS

MISS C. ALICE MANNING	Principal
MISS ETHEL MACK	Grade VIII.
MISS JEAN SHINNICK	Grade VIII.
MRS. NATALIE SMITH THISTLE	Grade VII.
MISS EBBA ANDERSON	Grades VI.
MISS FANNIE HINCKLEY	Grade V.
MRS. VILLA LAVORGNA	Grade IV.
MISS ALICE FLYNN	Grade III.
MISS MARY SHINNICK	Grade II.
MISS CATHERINE DEVANE	Grade I.

MR. HORACE KILLAM, Supervisor of Music
MR. JOHN FIELD, Supervisor of Art
MRS. C. NEWELL MOORE, Supervisor Phyical Education

MR. CHARLES CLINCH, Janitor

School Calendar
1948

January 5 to February 28

VACATION ONE WEEK

March 8 to April 30

VACATION ONE WEEK

May 10 to June 18

SUMMER VACATION—10 Weeks

September 8 to noon December 24

16 Weeks

VACATION

School commences January 3, 1949

HOLIDAYS

February 22 Good Friday April 19 May 30
October 12 November 11 November 27 and 28

No School Signal

Two Blows on Fire Alarm at 7.45 o'clock A. M.

Two Blows on Whistle at the Blacking Factory at 7.45 o'clock A. M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To
The School Committee
Middleton, Massachusetts

Mesdames and Sir:

Subscribed please find my twenty-fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the town. This, like previous reports, records no marked variation in the general plan of organization and administration of the local school system.

IN GENERAL

We have had during the year numerous discussions concerning the problem of retardation and its related subject, promotional policy. This problem is not peculiar to Middleton. It has been the subject of discussion by educational administrators for the last thirty-five years. Volumes have been written on the subject and dozens of experiments conducted with a view to finding some means ensuring maximum individual progress in a system where mass education is the practice. As yet no universally workable formula has been produced. In certain localities where financial and school plant facilities were favorable there has been some gain by the use of varied and clever schemes. None of these seem universally applicable. They are conditioned very largely by local circumstances. We are therefore continuing, at present, on the most commonly followed plan of procedure. This plan has one virtue, at least, in that it is based on the same practical method of achieving advancement in the world of everyday living that the pupils will meet when school days are ended.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Within the past few years there has been a marked increase in the local cost of educating children. This is but a part of the national picture. As we know, all costs of existence have increased alarmingly since the end of the recent war. School costs have not even kept pace with the general advances.

The one largest element of expense in running a school system is naturally the cost of instruction. For a long period this cost remained reasonably static. Teachers were the forgotten people. It was only when the attractions of higher pay in other lines of

endeavor had caused the withdrawal of hundreds of thousands of teachers from the nation's schools that awakening came to the threatening disaster to public education. The reaction was typical of our nation. In newspapers, in periodicals and via radio broadcasting publicity was given to the menace. At once the public reacted so that in a period of less than three years many salaries of teachers were doubled. This naturally increased school budgets far beyond normal expectation.

Salaries are not the only element in which increases in cost have been almost alarming. Every element of cost of operation has advanced in a degree we would once have thought impossible of supporting. School books and supplies, fuel, repair costs, equipment and transportation have all given evidence of the inflation. It would seem that the end is not yet in view.

It is claimed that real estate cannot bear much more of a burden. This is almost the only source of revenue open to our local communities. Aid is called for from some source. The logical place to seek aid is, first, at the state level, after that, at the national level. Massachusetts has been notably lax in its support of education on the state level but bills now in the General Court, if passed, would remedy this condition. Such aid would be of inestimable relief to local taxpayers. They should unite in support of this measure in a militant spirit.

As it is now, nearly a fourth of the cost of Middleton schools is refunded by the treasury of the Commonwealth through returns on administration, high school tuition and transportation, returns from the income taxes on account of teachers' salaries and from the General School Fund. This year has been added also a further reimbursement for elementary transportation.

BRIEF FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION

School Budget, 1947		$47,500.00
Receipts as reimbursement:		
Salary and expenses of Superintendent	$ 225.54	
High School Tuition	6,175.21	
High School Transportation	1,023.71	
Income Tax on account of teachers Pt. 1	2,030.00	
General School Fund Pt. II	1,042.44	
General Transportation (1947 Statute)	1,110.68	
Total Refund		$11,607.48
Net cost to the Town		$35.892.42

ENROLLMENT

Appended to this report will be found a statistical tabulation of the enrollment in the Howe-Manning School as of October 1, 1947. It shows a marked increase in school population for the size of the school. Last year on the same date there were three hundred and five pupils in school membership. This figure has increased to three hundred and twenty-six. Of this increase eleven are in the first grade alone. This is, of course, the beginning of a wave of growth in the first grade which is expected to last for a five year period. This means that next fall a corresponding increase may be possible.

The figures for January 1, 1948 are slightly lower than in October 1947, but the increase in the first grade has grown to twelve and leaves a first grade of forty-eight to be served by one teacher. This is a most undesirable situation and one which is most unfair to both pupils and teacher. The first grade, if I could make it possible would not have over twenty-five pupils, thirty at the most. This is the most important grade in the school system. Upon it depends most of the attitude towards school through the future years.

The largest grade in the school in October was the eighth, which at that time numbered fifty-one. This membership has fallen to forty-eight as of January 1, 1948. Because of the limited capacity of our classrooms this group is divided between two teachers. Next fall, however, this condition will be changed since there are but thirty-five in the present seventh grade. This will allow freeing the services of one teacher and make possible a more desirable grouping of first and second grade children. In passing it is of interest to note that this large class will call for a decided increase in cost of high school tuition and transportation in the next school year.

THE TEACHING STAFF

There have been two changes in teacher personnel in the Howe-Manning School during the year. Miss Volonta Incampo who taught in the seventh grade last year resigned to take a position in her home city. Later in the year Mrs. Annabelle Sylvester, who had taught in various grades in the school for a long period, was hired by the city of Lynn to serve as a Special Class teacher.

These resignations together with the large number in the present eighth grade necessitated a reorganization of the three

upper grades. Mrs. Nathalie Thistle was transferred from Grade Six to Grade Seven. Miss Jean Shinnick of Lawrence was employed to take charge of one division of the eighth grade. Miss Ebba Anderson of Wenham was appointed to take over Mrs. Sylvester's room.

STATE AID TO EDUCATION

Based on the theory that public school education is a function of the State as well as of the community, various bills are being introduced into the current session of the Massachusetts General Court to increase the proportion that the State will return to needy towns to help support their school systems. Because of the fact that the financial burden for education has necessarily come from tax on real estate, and because of the fact that the costs of this and other town departments have been increasing so rapidly, there are many organizations throughout the State such as Taxpayers' Associations which are urging that the State assume a much larger proportion of educational costs. At the present time Massachusetts is bearing but about eight per cent of this burden while other States provide from thirty to forty percent of the charges. It is proposed in one bill that a new Chapter Seventy, Section Four be added to the General Laws, or at least that this chapter be so amended as to increase the present amount of six million dollars to twenty-eight million five hundred dollars. This bill is known as S164 and has been filed by Senator Ralph C. Mahar, Chairman of the Committee on Education in the Senate. Every person who believes that equalization of opportunity for all school children in the State be desirable should write to his State Senator and Representative and ask that they support this bill.

Conclusion

To the teachers and members of the School Committee who have cooperated to make the current year successful, I offer my very sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Superintendent of Schools

Wilmington, Mass.
January 26, 1948

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS—Table No. 1

Age—Grade Distribution—Registration October 1, 1947

Grades	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	T
I. -	9	36	1		1									47
II. -		6	29	8	1									44
III. -			5	24	7	5								41
IV. -				6	19	8	1	5						39
V. -					4	19	9	5	2					39
VI. -						6	11	8	3	2			1	30
VII. -							5	13	9	5	2			35
VIII A.								3	11	4	6	1		25
VIII B.								6	6	8	5	1		26
Total	9	42	35	38	32	38	26	40	31	19	13	2	1	326

Table No. 2
Teacher—Grade Distribution
December 31, 1947

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot.
Miss Devane - -	48								48
Miss Shinnick - -		40							40
Miss Flynn - - -			41						41
Mrs. LaVorgna -				37					37
Miss Hinckley - -					38				38
Miss Anderson - -						30			30
Mrs. Thistle - -							33		33
Miss J. Shinnick -								25	25
Miss Mack - - -								23	23
Total - - - - - -	48	40	41	37	38	30	33	48	315

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Middleton School Committee wishes to give a summary of the activities carried on in the School Department during the past year.

It is the desire of the committee to bring to the tax-payers attention the two main factors influencing the necessity of an increased appropriation for nineteen forty-eight. First, our teacher's salary schedule compared so unfavorably with towns of about the same size and valuation, that, in order to maintain our high standards and hold our teachers, it was necessary, during nineteen forty-seven, to adjust the salary schedule to the prevailing standard wage. Secondly, the High School tuition has advanced again from one hundred thirty-nine dollars per pupil to one hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty cents per pupil. This, with an expected pupil load of one hundred twenty-six High School students, entering in September, has increased this item alone on the nineteen forty-eight budget almost five thousand dollars.

The bus contract was awarded this past year to the lowest bidder, Mr. Raymond Funchion of Danvers. Mr. Funchion purchased modern equipment to render safe service to students attending both High and Grammar schools.

In the primary grades, the crowded conditions have been of great concern to the committee. Since two-thirds of the school enrollment are bus pupils, it has been out of the question to adopt a two platoon system. These overcrowded grades place a greater burden on the individual teacher. To relieve this situation, the committee is considering the advisability of securing a teacher, specially trained in remedial reading, to assist in the lower grades primarily. The problem that confronts us in adopting this course, is the added expense to the tax-payer and the conversion of the assembly hall to a class room. Entertainments and group assemblies would have to be discontinued indefinitely, in the event this course was followed.

Fuel, as is the general custom, was purchased in advance. At the present time, there is ample fuel on hand to heat the building, adequately, for the entire years of nineteen forty-eight.

Many changes in the school personnel have taken place during the past year.

Miss Annabelle Sylvester resigned to accept a teaching position in Lynn.

Miss Volonta Incampo resigned to accept a position in the Beverly School System.

Mrs. Leonard Willey, School Nurse, resigned, retiring from public school health supervision.

Mrs. Philip Couhig, Physical Training Supervisor, resigned to do part time supervising.

The Committee accepted these resignations with sincere regret.

We welcome to our faculty, Miss Jean Shinnick of Lawrence, a graduate of Lowell Teacher's College of the class of forty-seven, Miss Ebba Anderson of South Hamilton, a graduate of State Teacher's College, of the class of forty-seven, Mrs. C. Newell Moore of Danvers, graduate of Sargent, who comes well recommended to us from Newington, Connecticut, where she taught Physical Training in the Junior and Senior High schools, and Mrs. Richard Leavitt, Registered Nurse, of Danvers, who is highly regarded by the residents of Middleton, whom she served a few years ago in the capacity of the Visiting Nurse of Danvers.

Sufficient books and supplies, purchased by Mr. Bean, are always available for school usage and any suggestive material which would increase the efficiency of the school, has been added.

To Mr. Bean, Miss Manning, and to our fine teaching corps, may we extend our sincere appreciation for your excellent spirit of co-operation throughout the year and to Mr. Clinch, as always, may we again thank you for your generous assistance and loyalty.

The School Committee, realizing that it is acting in the capacity of your elected representatives, is anxious to serve your interests and those of the children of Middleton, most effectively, so theerfore, welcomes any suggestion, constructive criticism and active co-operation that the citizens of Middleton may have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Raymond W. Silvernail, Chairman

Rosamond D. Barstable

Alice K. Cass, Secretary

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Middleton, Mass.
Jan. 29. 1948

To the Superintendent and Members
of the School Committee
Mesdames and Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request, I submit a report for last year.

In general the schedule and progress has continued along the same lines of the last few years although grade distribution has necessarily changed and been more irregular than ever before. Two small Eighth Grades became a necessity in the fall and Grades I and II have gradually become very large. Next year it will be possible to make a more fair and workable adjustment as no real difficulty will be found only in Grades I, II and III. This will probably necessitate one and perhaps two rooms with two grades.

Attendance continues to be a serious problem in our building and should be given thoughtful consideration in the home. Pupils can not do their best work when they attend school so irregularly that the connection with their daily work is broken or even lost. Causes such as illness, are necessary, but truancy, outside interests and work are not and should be eliminated.

At the suggestion of the State Board of Education we have continued the sale of Defense Stamps on one day a week instead of returning to the Bank Day under arrangement with the Salem Savings Bank. The sales have been made by the pupils of Grade VIII and in a most commendable manner. Although smaller amounts are noted than in war times, it constitutes a definite, systematic plan of saving and teaching thrift.

The Class of 1947 was very active and cooperative during the current year, and purchased a large moving picture screen, lamp, and 100 ft. of safety cord for use with our new Bell Howell

sound machine, besides leaving a bank deposit for a book-case and curtains for the office. At present the former has not been delivered by the State Department of Correction.

The four upper grades have continued their study of Nature Trees, Conservation, Birds and Nature in general,—as 4H Club Projects, as last year. Through this plan we have had more opportunity for special study and the aid of Mr. Byron Colby and Mr. Charles Blanchard, County Leaders.

Music,—both vocal and instrumental has always been a favorite subject in our school. This year, Mr. Woessner's instrumental class is very large with pupils studying trumpet, violin, guitar, mandolin, banjo, drums, saxophone and clarinet. As they progress in this class they enter the school orchestra directed by Mr. Killam.

In addition Mr. Killam has groups from several grades using tonettes, and also tuned bells which are new this year. We find these of much assistance in reading music.

Last November, the State Board of Education arranged a Teachers' Institute held in Danvers for the consideration of the new Curriculum Guide issued recently, and our teachers of Grades I, II, III attended on November nineteenth. Able speakers addressed the groups on the changes in this new course of study and its application to present day conditions.

Detailed programs for older grades will be available later.

We have been making a special study of reading and language during this year. Several teachers have taken a Harvard-Boston University Extension Course in those subjects and we hope to secure new reading material for several classes next year.

National Education Week was observed as usual but in addition to invitations to visit class-rooms on any day, an entertainment consisting of numbers from all classes and tea furnished and served by the Class of 1948 were arranged. We were pleased to see so many parents and friends.

More stress is being placed on Visual Education each year and our Beil-Howall Sound Machine has proved very valuable. We have been fortunate in securing a series of films on "New England", and "Railroad Transportation", provided by the N. Y., N. H.,

and Hartford R. R., and also one furnished by Beacon Oil Co. Both History and Geography are thus taught in an interesting manner. Schedules of this type include pre-period instruction and discussion in the class-rooms and post-period talks or quizzes by the class-room teacher.

Through the kindness of the Essex County Health Association we are now carrying on a weekly program which includes films on Health, and Social Studies in general.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the School Committee, Superintendent and faculty for their assistance and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Alice Manning

REPORT ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

From Sept. 10, 1947 through Jan. 28, 1948.

Wednesdays —

Grades 1 - 7 each receive 30 minutes per week of Physical Education. Grades 8 each receive 35 minutes per week of Physical Education.

The importance of carrying out the minimum physical activity can not be over-emphasized. The activities listed have been carefully chosen as to insure a well-balanced development. The material is graded and is the only way for pupils to show satisfactory progress.

During the Fall months the program was carried on out of doors and during the winter months is being carried on in the classrooms.

The program consists of:

Grades 1 - 4:

1. Conditioning exercises — Aim: to prepare the body for Physical Activity.
2. Posture Exercises — Aim: to develop good habits of sitting, standing and walking correctly.
3. Rhythmical Activities — Aim: to give training in self control and poise through simple folk dances and singing games.
4. Individual Stunts Aim: to test ones physical ability through forms of play.
5. Mimetics — Aim: to create interest in physical exercise through imitation and impersonation.
6. Games — Aim: to promote good sportsmanship, wholesome association, and recreation.
7. Story Plays — Aim: to provide natural, spontaneous Physical activity.

Grades 5 - 8:

1. Conditioning exercises — gymnasium exercises and marching tactics.
2. Posture exercises —
3. Rhythmical exercises — (8th grade Social Dancing)
4. Individual Stunts.
5. Games of Lower and Higher Organization.

There are a few recommendations I should like to make in consideration of the future of the Program and for the welfare of the pupils:

1. That the Physical Education Program be continued through the winter months — Even though the activities take on more of a socialized aspect. Though the class room is not the proper place for Physical education, much can be accomplished therein.

2. That a basketball net and backboard be erected in the out door area.

3. That softball bases be purchased, in order that the younger children will be able to learn and play the game. (The present ball diamond is too big for use by girls and small children.

4. That badminton rackets and shuttlecocks be purchased for use out of doors — (The standards used for volleyball could serve a dual purpose, in respect to using them for badminton also. This is also one way to broaden the Physical Education Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. MOORE

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Superintendent of Schools and
Members of the School Committee:

The school nursing service covers various phases of school health in an effort to improve and maintain the health of the school child. Only by close cooperation between school, home and community can the child's Health Program thrive.

Dr. Rogers of Topsfield School Physician, gave physical examinations to all students. Notices were sent to parents on defects that necessitate attention.

Posture defects reported to Mrs. Moore, the Physical Education Teacher, for correction.

All the children were weighed and measured and results sent home to parents.

State Clinic for retarded children was directed by Dr. Foote. We hope to understand and help these children by following the suggestions in the Doctor's reports.

The Dental Clinic under Dr. Connolly of Danvers, started in January.

New method of eye testing developed by Mass. Department of Public Health, is being used this year. This is the latest and best method known.

The Diptheria Immunization Program was conducted by Dr. Rogers. Twelve initial and 103 Booster shots administered to students.

42% of the first grade students had already been immunized, before entering school, which indicates that many parents realize the value of early immunization.

An unusual amount of whooping cough resulted in the school. Many exclusions were made in lower grades to help retard the disease.

This year as usual Pidiculosis was especially troublesome in the first of the school year. Continual checking, excluding and home visits plus the use of D. D. T. Powder, has it finally under control. Much precious time could have been saved if powder had been used by parents to eliminate home source of infection.

Respectfully submitted,
BERTHA E. LEAVITT
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and
Members of the School Committee

A supervisor of music is always gratified to go into a well ordered school to teach for the day. This is the kind of school the people of Middleton are fortunate in having under the exceptional guidance of Principal C. Alice Manning. Evidences of her thoughtful planning and work are seen each week and the supervisor appreciates her great help.

There is always great interest in music among the pupils of Howe-Manning Grammer School, but the classes, with few exceptions, are too large for the best work. The larger the class the more limited time for each subject.

About one hundred and fifty pupils selected from each room presented the operetta, "Uncle Sam's Visit" in the early Spring. This consisted of songs and dances in costumes of many different nationalities, directed by the teachers of each room. It was the most pretentious musical program put on in recent years and was well worth the time and effort.

Grades three and six have been provided with new sets of modern music books this year. New books are always an added incentive.

The school committee has provided two sets of melody bells and the school has purchased five other sets. Many pupils are practicing on tonettes and some have bought their own bells. The supervisor has very little time to help with these instruments. Mrs. Lavorgna spends some of her music periods in Grades three and four with these instruments, which is a big help. At the Christmas assembly several groups of eight pupils each played selections on the bells together.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE W. KILLAM.
Supervisor of Music